

The World of Wetlands Vocabulary

Absorb: (*verb*) to suck up or drink in; soak up

Synonym: take in

Filter: (*verb*) to pass or slip through slowly

Synonym: purify

Store: (*verb*) to put away for future use

Synonym: stock

Headwater: (*noun*) the upper tributaries of a river; stream that flows into a larger body stream or body of water

Groundwater: (*noun*) the water beneath the surface of the ground; consisting largely of surface water that has seeped down: the source of water in springs and wells

Foliage: (*noun*) the leaves of a plant

Synonym: vegetation, leaves

Macroinvertebrate: (*noun*) an invertebrate organism just large enough in scale to see with eyes or simple lens

Saturate: (*verb*) to soak thoroughly or completely

Synonym: waterlog

Bioindicator: (*noun*) a plant, animal, or species that indicates, by its presence in a given area, the existence of certain environmental conditions.

Tolerance: (*noun*) the act of enduring or resisting poison

Synonym: patience, strength, resistance

Indication: (*noun*) anything that points out as a sign the presence of a problem

Synonym: hint, signal

Food chain: (*noun*) a series of organisms interrelated in their feeding habits, the smallest upon by a larger one, which in turn feeds a still larger one etc.

Metamorphosis: (*noun*) insect development in which egg, larval, pupal, and adult stages occur, each differing greatly in appearance

Debris: (*noun*) the remains of anything broken down

Synonym: trash

Migrate: (*verb*) to pass periodically from one region or climate to another, as certain birds, fishes, and animals

Synonym: roam, wander, trek

