

Arizona Wetlands Project

As part of the study of rivers, the wetlands project is an opportunity for students to study in the field and report their findings.

Arizona has several areas that are considered wetlands and have been labeled as field-study locations for scientists and nature lovers. Select one of the Arizona wetlands that you would like to visit. Collect and record data on your field-study mission. If possible, take photos or make drawings of the location and the animal life you observe.

Once your observations are completed and your data is recorded, write an overall description of the experience. Include a complete description of the wetlands visited, the time spent observing, the sights, sounds, and smells, and your impression of the experience.

Supplies needed:

Field note sheets and pencil

Binoculars

Camera

Wetlands in Arizona include the following:

The Nature Conservancy's Hassayampa River Preserve
49614 N U. S. HWY 60/89 in Wickenburg, Ariz.

Verde River Wildlife Area
North of Chino Valley

Tres Rios Wetlands
South 91 Ave. in Phoenix, Ariz.

Arizona Wetlands Field Notes

Wetland name and location: _____

Date of observation: _____ Time: _____

General observations: (Spend 5 minutes quietly observing. What do you see, smell, hear, and feel?)

Weather

Temperature: _____ Wind: _____

Sun or clouds: _____ Other: _____

Habitat Description	Animals: List ones in each category. Describe what you see.	Evidence of animals. (Tracks, burrows, nests)	Plants List the types you see.
	Birds: Mammals:		

	Reptiles:		
	Fish:		

Water in the wetland: (Describe what you see in the water – insects, plants, tiny fish, etc. How do they interact?) **Draw a picture of the wetland.**