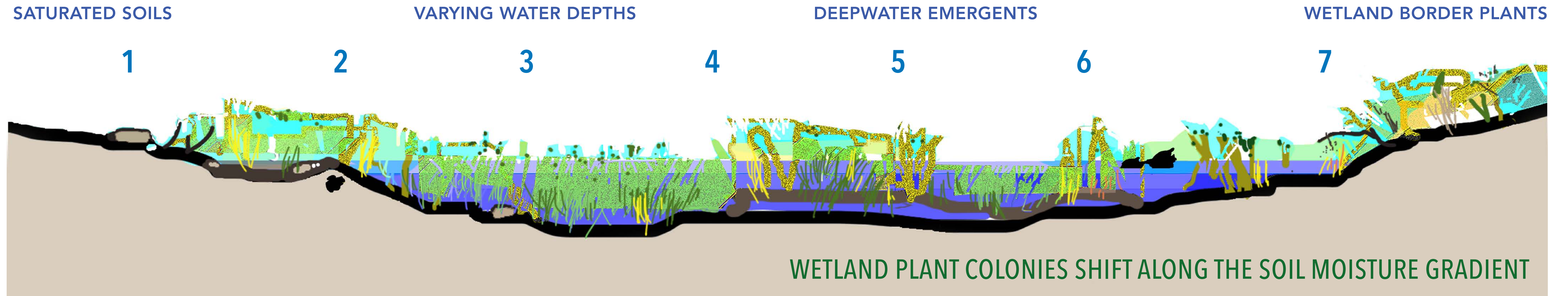


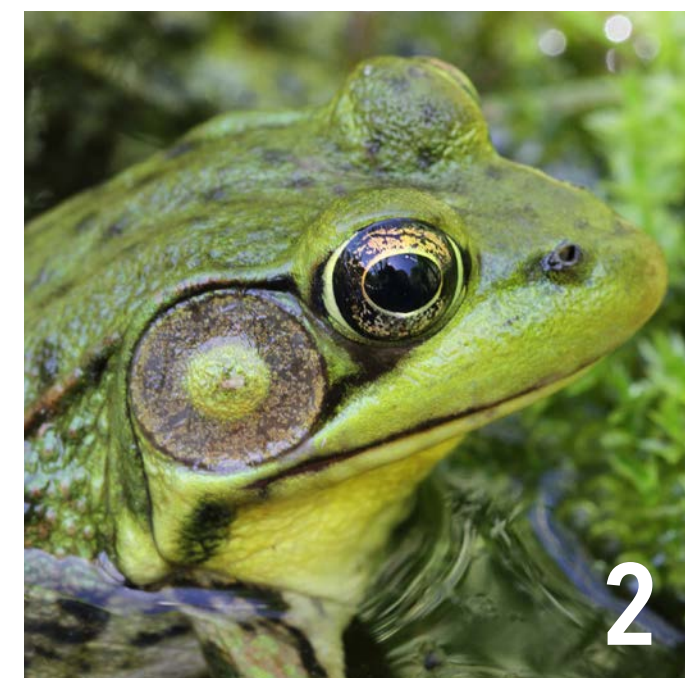
# It's all About Water

## FRESHWATER WETLAND

Dynamic hydrologic conditions support specially adapted native plant colonies.



**Swamp rose mallow** is a perennial wildflower, with roots that survive each winter to send up shoots the following year.



**Green frogs** are active day and night, and dormant during winter. One of its calls — like the twang of a banjo — is a familiar springtime wetland sound.



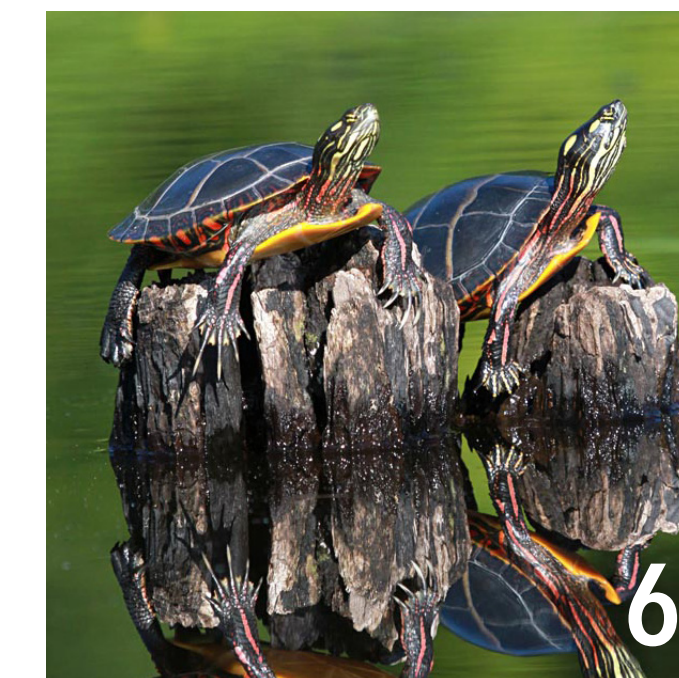
**Pickerelweed** produce large spikes of flowers in summer, support unique bee species and waterfowl, and are efficient biological filters.



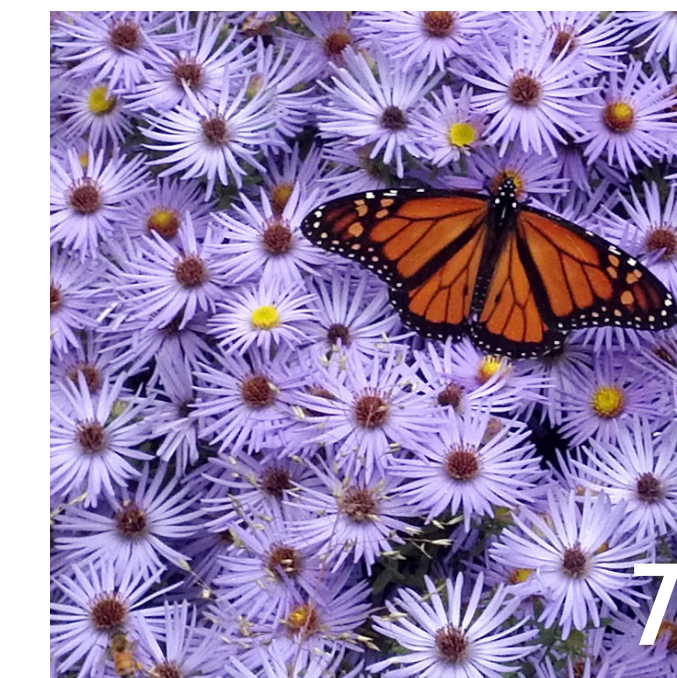
**Soft stem bulrush** is adaptive to changing water conditions, providing food and cover for ducks, shore birds, and other marsh animals.



**Arrow arum** is an aquatic plant with leaves shaped like an arrowhead. Its egg-sized berries attract wood ducks and other waterfowl.



**Eastern painted turtles** favor waters rich with plant life where they are often seen basking in the sun in groups. They hibernate in deep mud in winter.



**New England aster** is a perennial wildflower with bright purple flowers and yellow florets attractive to birds and insect pollinators.

