

### Outdoor Activity - Wildlife Detective (Gr 1 – 4)






**Overview:** Print out one field sheet per student prior to the excursion. Hand them out with a pencil upon arrival for completion along the discovery trail.

Ask the students/participants to:

- circle the animals as they see them
- find a spot where they think the animal would live?
- what does the animal feed on?
- what human or pest related impacts may effect that animal?
- Also, try and piece together the users and residents of the saltmarsh by the traces you find, but **don't pick them up**. Look out for footprints, scats/poo, feathers, and any other 'evidence' of life. Use your field sheet to make sketches and take notes about what you find and where.

**Task:** Ask the students/participants to fill in this field sheet as they follow the Discovery Trail.

Wildlife Detective - Saltmarsh and Tidal Flat  
*Find as many of these plants and animals as you can. Circle what you find*






Heron

Dragonfly

Burrows

Baitfish

Butterfly

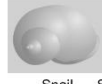




Chat

Hermit Crab

Oystercatcher

Pig face

Redcapped Plover





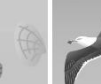
Snail

Shrubby Glasswort

Corkscrew Shell

Sedge

Algae


Moth

Harrier

Cormorant

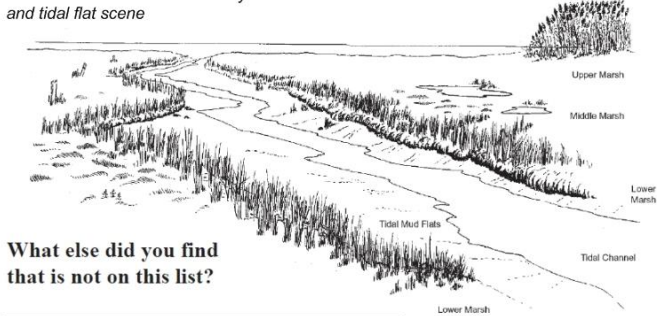
Mussels and worms

Gull



Phragmites

*Draw arrows to show where they live within this saltmarsh and tidal flat scene*



What else did you find that is not on this list?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_