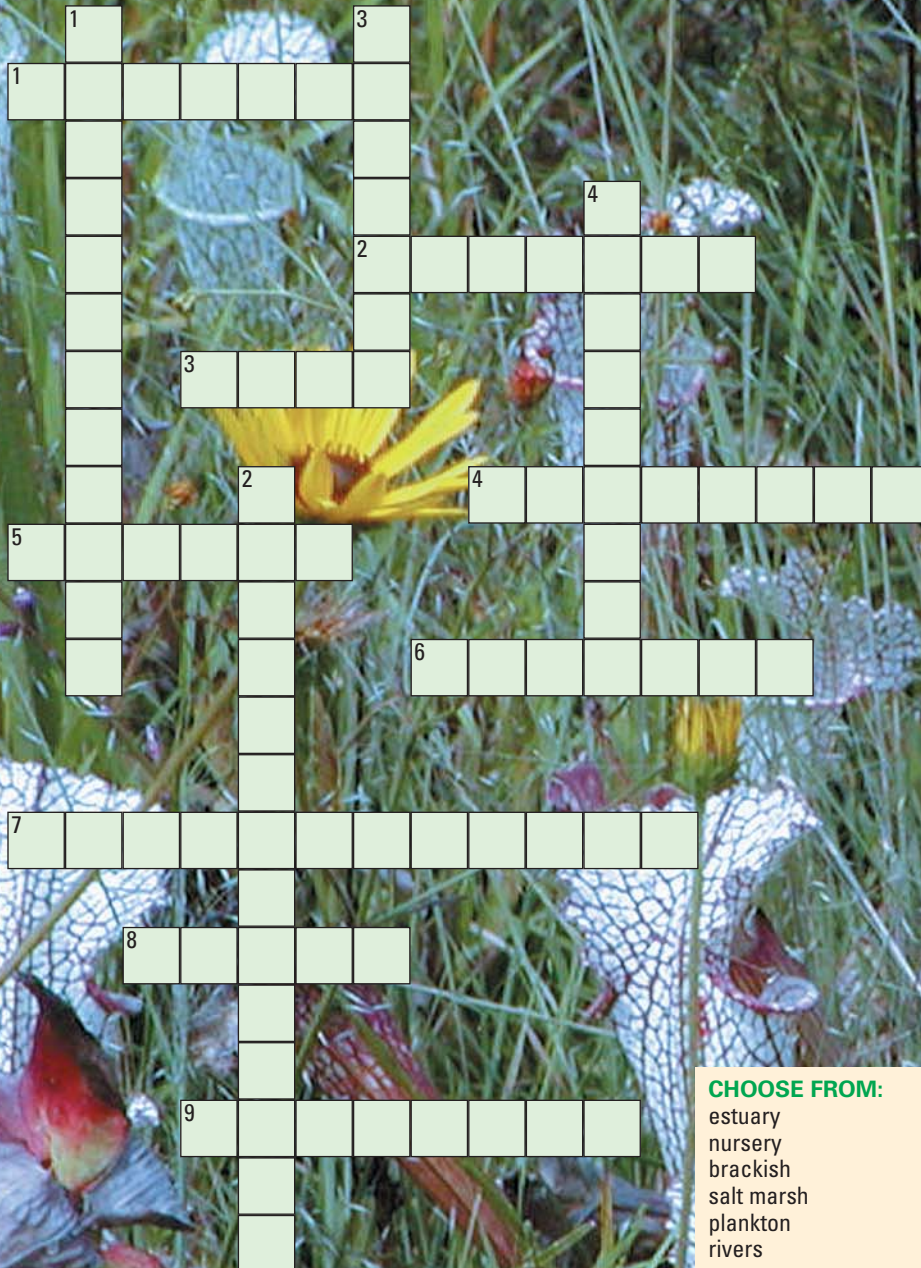


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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5 Dauphin Island Sea Lab Discovery Day
April 13 Alabama Environmental Council Bay Area Earth Day Fairhope Pier Park

April 23 Alabama Coastal Foundation Coastal Kids Quiz
May 3 Mobile County Public Schools Environmental Studies Center Open House



CHOOSE FROM: clean estuary nursery brackish salt marsh plankton rivers oysters nets fiddler crabs Great Blue Heron fishing Gulf of Mexico

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Across:

1. An estuary is called a _____ to the ocean because baby shrimp, crabs and fish live there.
2. A place like Mobile Bay, where rivers meet the sea, is called an _____.
3. Shrimp boats have large _____ called trawls, which they use to catch shrimp.
4. Tiny plants and animals that live in the waters of estuaries and are food for larger animals are called _____.
5. Many _____ bring thousands of gallons of freshwater into Mobile Bay each day.
6. If you go _____ in the bay you might be lucky enough to catch a flounder, redfish or speckled trout.
7. These crabs "fiddle around" in the salt marsh. The male crab has a giant claw that he waves to attract female crabs.
8. Wetlands _____ the water that runs into the bay.
9. Freshwater and saltwater combine in the bay to make _____ water.

Down:

1. Saltwater enters Mobile Bay from the _____.
2. These "large" birds wade through the water and spear fish with their long beaks.
3. These animals live in a "bed" and filter many gallons of water through their bodies each day.
4. A type of grassy wetland that provides food and shelter for animals of the estuary.

CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES

Dauphin Island Sea Lab
www.disl.org
Project Cate
www.projectcate.com
Mobile County Environmental Studies Center
www.mcps.com/enviro/enveddep.html
Fairhope K-1 Center Pelican's Nest
www.fairhopeschools.com/K1%20Center/HomePage/k1_home.htm
Gulf Coast Exploreum
www.exploreum.net/
Bellingrath Gardens & Home
www.bellingrath.org/
Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, Gulf Shores
southeast.fws.gov/pubs/facts/boncon.pdf
Turtle Point Science Center
dgonza365.tripod.com/turtlepointSC/index.html
High School Aquaculture
www.ag.auburn.edu/dept/faa/aumerc/Extension/Aquaculture/index.html
Alabama Environmental Education Resource Database
www.alenviroed.com/
Legacy, Partners for Environmental Progress
www.legacyenved.org/
Discovering Alabama
www.discoveringalabama.com/
Alabama Wildlife Federation
www.alawild.org/educati.htm
Environmental Education Association of Alabama
www.aces.edu/eeaa/
Auntie Litter
www.auntielitter.org/
Alabama 4-H Foundation, Inc
www.alabama4hfoundation.org/environmental.html
Alabama Environmental Education and Nature Centers
www.epa.gov/region4/water/wetlands/states/alcenters.html
Alabama Museum Of Natural History, Tuscaloosa
www.ua.edu/academic/museums/history/
Alabama State Parks
www.dcnr.state.al.us/parks/parks_1a.html
National Institutes of Health Dept. of Health & Human Services
www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/home.htm
Environmental Explorers Club
www.epa.gov/kids/
Environmental Education for Kids
www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eeek/
Environmental Kidz
www.environmentalpartners.org/Environmentalkids.html
Environmental History Timeline
www.environmentalhistory.org
The Globe Program
www.globe.gov/globe_flash.html
Kids Do Ecology
www.nceas.ucsb.edu/nceas-web/kids/index.html
National Wildlife Federation Kidzone
www.nwf.org/kids/
The Watershed Game
www.bellmuseum.org/mnideals/watershed/watershed2.html
Nonpoint Source Kids Page
www.epa.gov/OWOW/NPS/kids/
The Learning Web
www.usgs.gov/education/
NATURE Puzzles and Fun
www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/fun.html
USGS Water Science for Schools
ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/index.html
Project Wild
www.projectwild.org/
Project Wet
www.projectwet.org/
Project Learning Tree
www.plt.org/
The Green Frog News
thegreenfrognews.com/
Science at NASA
science.nasa.gov/
Discovery Kids
kids.discovery.com/
Earth911
www.earth911.org/master.asp
National Geographic Kids
www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/
Backyard Jungle
www.backyardjungle.org/



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