



Wetlands Natural Treasure



Try to answer these questions related to things you've seen in the VIMS Teaching Marsh!

1. This snail-like creature crawls on rocks or marsh grass, scrapping off algae with their file-like tongue. Is it:

- a. clam b. periwinkle c. conch shell



2. These bivalves used to be much more plentiful in the Bay and used to be harvested by the bushel. They are also very important in keeping the water clean. Is it:

- a. crab b. mussel c. oyster



3. This flower sounds like it should keep a Native American warm. Is it:

- a. Indian blanket flower b. burning bush c. wigwam weed



4. A plant that sound like it belongs roasted over a campfire. Is it:

- a. hot pepper b. wiener weed c. marsh mallow



5. The coastal tidal marsh is a nursery area for this flat fish that has two eyes on one side. Is it:

- a. Sponge Bob b. flounder c. tilefish



6. This white bird lives in the marsh looking for fish or frogs while standing still on black legs. Is it:



a. egret

b. stork

c. heron

7. This plant sounds like it belongs on your family's feline body. Is it:

a. tiger swallow

b. whisker weeds

c. cattail



8. One function of the marsh is:



a. filter pollutants

b. absorb runoff

c. provide habitat

9. Chesapeake crustacean like its cousins the shrimp and crayfish, has 10 legs. Is it:

a. lobster

b. blue crab

c. Dungeness crab



10. A big bird that looks like an eagle, makes nests near the water, and catches fish in its talons. Is it:



a. osprey

b. crow

c. sea gull

11. Even though I wear a mask, I am not a bandit. I am smart and my front paws look like your hands. What am I?

a. Frito bandito

b. skunk

c. raccoon



12. There is so much of this type of grass in the marsh that it was once used as a source of hay for livestock. Is it:

a. marsh cord grass

b. bluegrass

c. crab grass



13. You can find me in the trees, but I am never very far from water. I am tiny and green, but I can make a lot of noise. The eggs I lay look like a string of beads in the water. What am I?



a. grasshopper

b. green snake

c. treefrog

14. Leaves of three, let me be! Don't touch me!! What am I?

a. poison ivy

b. touch-me-not

c. pine needle

