

A Story of a Wetlands Food Web

It's a beautiful day and the **Sun** is high in the sky. **Algae** is growing in the water, as well as **water ribbons**.

On the water edge, fluffy topped **reeds** and **bulrushes** are growing.

A **water boatman** is swimming in the water. It is eating the **algae** and **reeds**.

Mosquito larvae are also eating the **algae**.

The **freshwater snail** is eating both the **algae** and **water ribbons**.

A **long necked tortoise** is poking its nostrils above the water. The **long necked tortoise** eats the **algae** too, as well as **freshwater snail**, **water boatman** and **yabby**.

The **water boatman** provides food for many, including the **fish**, **frog**, **diving beetle** and **dragonfly larvae**.

The **yabby** is scavenging, feeding on rotting plant and animal matter, digesting it and recycling nutrients in the food web.

Mosquito larvae are considered a delicacy for many **frog** and **fish** species.

The **duck** is feeding on **fish** and **dragonfly larvae**.

The visiting **pelican** is feeding on the **fish** and the **frog**.

The **black swan** bends its elegant neck to graze on the **water ribbons**, **freshwater snail** and **fish**.

The **heron** makes a meal of the **fish** and **frog**.

The **swamp hen** is running in the **reeds** where it feeds and makes its nest.

On the bank, a **lizard** is sunning itself in a warm rock. It snaps at the **dragonfly** and **diving beetle** and **frog**.



duck



pelican



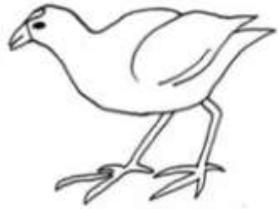
heron



lizard



dragonfly



swamp hen



dragonfly
larvae



diving
beetle



frog



fish



black swan



water
boatman



tortoise



mosquito
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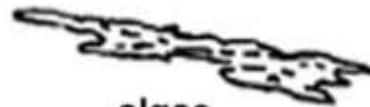
freshwater
snail



reeds



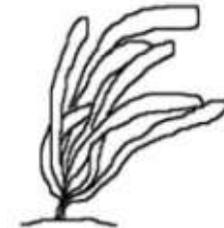
bulrushes



algae



yabby



water ribbons