

WALKING THE WETLANDS

A Hiker's Guide to Common Plants and Animals of Marshes, Bogs, and Swamps

"Sandra Jordan and Janet Lyons have captured the splendor and importance of freshwater wetlands in this book. In a breezy, informal style, they pull back the veil that has obscured these natural gold mines."

— from the Foreword by Governor Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey,
Chairman of the National Panel on Wetlands

Today, Americans are becoming increasingly concerned about the condition of the nation's wetlands. These marshes, bogs, and swamps are now being recognized for what they are: important and fragile ecosystems inhabited by many interesting and exotic birds, plants, and animals—species that will simply vanish if their habitats are not preserved and protected.

Walking the Wetlands is a field guide to wetlands life in the United States. It includes handsome, full-page line drawings, along with written descriptions, of 100 living things, both flora and fauna, from the freshwater wetlands of the United States. For each organism, the guide supplies an individual profile with a concise description, its range and habitat, and a colorful, informative essay that includes natural history and folklore. There is also a listing of U.S. national parks and refuges with major wetlands, offering virtually unlimited opportunities for exploring these fascinating natural habitats.

JANET LYONS and **SANDRA JORDAN** have received public recognition for their accomplishments in science education. They have trekked through some well-known wetlands—including New Jersey's Great Swamp—and have participated in numerous wetlands evaluation projects.

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