The World of Wetlands Vocabulary

**Absorb**: *(verb)* to suck up or drink in; soak up
   
   Synonym: take in

**Filter**: *(verb)* to pass or slip through slowly
   
   Synonym: purify

**Store**: *(verb)* to put away for future use
   
   Synonym: stock

**Headwater**: *(noun)* the upper tributaries of a river; stream that flows into a larger body stream or body of water

**Groundwater**: *(noun)* the water beneath the surface of the ground; consisting largely of surface water that has seeped down: the source of water in springs and wells

**Foliage**: *(noun)* the leaves of a plant
   
   Synonym: vegetation, leaves

**Macroinvertebrate**: *(noun)* an invertebrate organism just large enough in scale to see with eyes or simple lens

**Saturate**: *(verb)* to soak thoroughly or completely
   
   Synonym: waterlog

**Bioindicator**: *(noun)* a plant, animal, or species that indicates, by its presence in a given area, the existence of certain environmental conditions.

**Tolerance**: *(noun)* the act of enduring or resisting poison
   
   Synonym: patience, strength, resistance

**Indication**: *(noun)* anything that points out as a sign the presence of a problem
   
   Synonym: hint, signal

**Food chain**: *(noun)* a series of organisms interrelated in their feeding habits, the smallest upon by a larger one, which in turn feeds a still larger one etc.

**Metamorphosis**: *(noun)* insect development in which egg, larval, pupal, and adult stages occur, each differing greatly in appearance

**Debris**: *(noun)* the remains of anything broken down
   
   Synonym: trash

**Migrate**: *(verb)* to pass periodically from one region or climate to another, as certain birds, fishes, and animals
   
   Synonym: roam, wander, trek