

A concert all day long

The marsh is a busy, noisy place. Wind rustles the grasses, waves splash on the shore, and birds, frogs and insects all make their own distinct sounds. Dawn and dusk are especially noisy times for the animals. Do you hear any animals today?



sand hill cranes

Canada geese fly south in the fall and then north again in spring. When you hear the honking of big flocks overhead, it's a sign that the seasons are changing.

Raised boxes make fine nesting spots for wood ducks.

Red-winged blackbirds are easy to spot because of the fancy red patches on their shoulders. Listen for their calls in the evening—they say "O-ka-lee!"

Spring peepers are less than an inch long, but they make a lot of noise. They make their distinctive peeping call by puffing up a sac in their throat like a balloon and then letting the air out.

WHY ALL THE HUB-BUB?

Some things animals say when they call:
"Good morning!" "Keep out!"
"Marry me!" "Danger!"
"Here I am!"



wood ducks



blue heron



red-winged
black bird



green frog



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