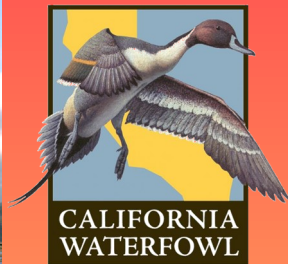


# Water, Wildlife and Farming

## Sprig Tales Newsletter



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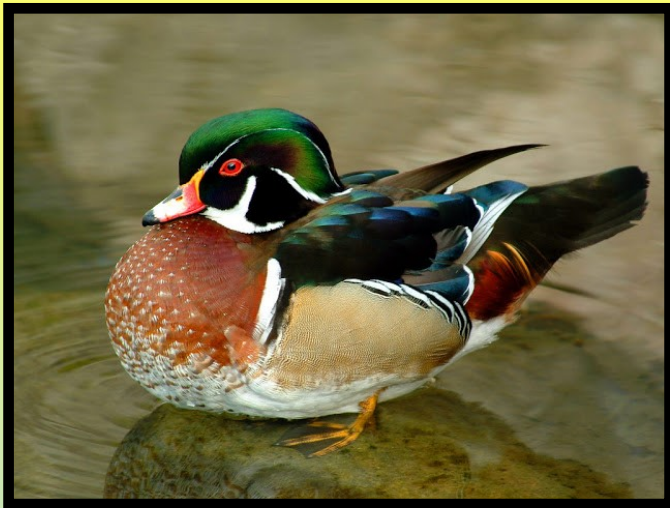
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Wooded wetlands are where wood ducks live. They are found in nest boxes or holes in trees. These birds are built with claws that can grip bark and perch on branches.



With the help from California Waterfowl, farmers have saved over 50,000 ducks through the egg salvage program.





# How CWA works with the Land

Here at California Waterfowl Association we work with farmers and land owners to make sure use of the land incorporates giving back to the land itself and animals. One activity we do is build nest boxes to populate wood ducks but also to keep them away from predators. These nest boxes have to be surrounded in a safe habitat for ducklings to survive. The suitable habitat for them to survive is shallow fertile wetlands, typically freshwater bodies where they can find food. This is why CWA places nest boxes along freshwater creeks to give them a suitable home.

We educate farmers about how to save bird nests that are hidden in their crops. When farmers are on their tractors, CWA educates them to look out for hens flying away from their nests. Once this happens we encourage them to get off their tractors to pick up hidden eggs. The process is called egg salvage, and it is a great way for farmers to help save thousands of birds while still harvesting their crops.

We encourage rice farmers to flood their land after they harvest or gather the rice for humans to eat. The rice that we are unable to gather becomes food then floating in the water for waterfowl and other birds to eat. In fields that can not be flooded, the left over grain will be used as food for other animals too. This provides a great benefit for wildlife to increase their population.

# 5 Ways to Save Water

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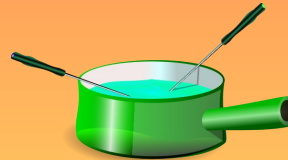


2. Limit time in the shower.

Turn off the faucet when soaping up.



3. Use less water when cooking.



4. Limit water used when gardening. Water your yard early in the morning or at night to make sure all the water goes into the plants and not into evaporation.



5. Turn off water while brushing your teeth



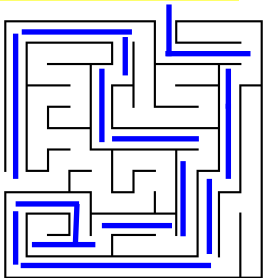
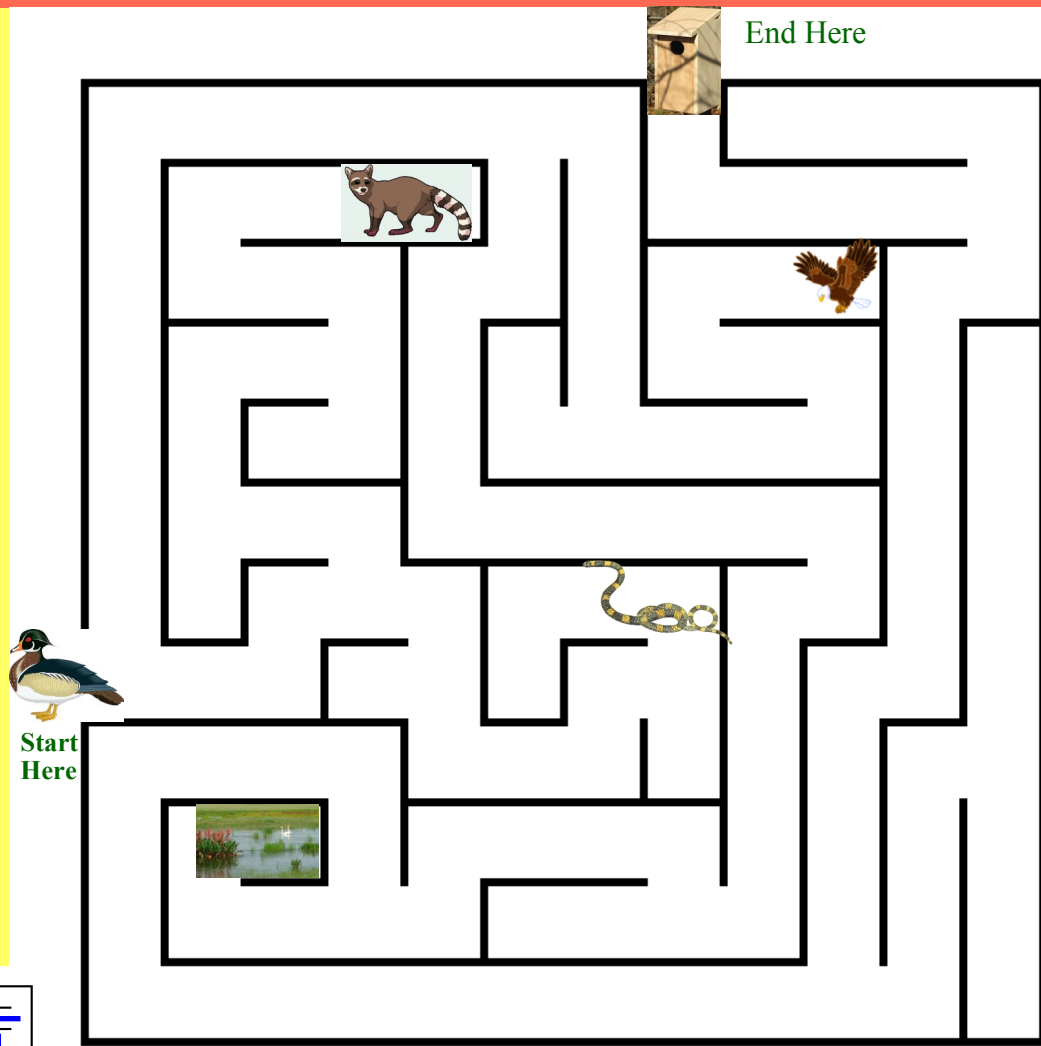
Which of the above water saving Activities do you already do?  
List the numbers here:

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Which of the above water saving activities are you going to start doing today? YAY! List the numbers here:

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# Wood Duck Maze



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