

Watsonville Wetlands Watch  
DOCENT GUIDE

ECOLOGY VOCABULARY

(From Rich Moran, science teacher at PVHS)

**WETLAND:** Land that has a wet and spongy soil, as a marsh, swamp, or bog.

**HABITAT:** The natural environment of an organism or the place that is natural for the life and growth of an organism.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The surroundings or conditions in which an organism lives

**ORGANISM:** An individual living thing

**POPULATION:** A group of organisms of the same species occupying the same area

**COMMUNITY:** All the populations of organisms living in a specific area

**INTERRELATEDNESS:** The connection that exists between all components of an ecosystem or environment.

**ECOSYSTEM:** A community and the physical environment that it occupies.

**BIODIVERSITY:** The sum of all the different types of organisms living on Earth or in a specific area.