

Wetland Sensory Bins

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Wetlands are important parts of Ashland County's environment! They are important habitat areas for an amazing assortment of wildlife, and they serve as Mother Nature's water filters, too! Wetlands also help control flooding. Be sure to consider a trip to Shreve's Migration Sensation to enjoy seasonal bird migrations and explore our natural wetlands! Also, be sure to visit www.ashlandswcd.com/teachmetuesdays to learn more about wetlands. Now, to build your own wetland sensory bin:

- **Wetlands need water:** Place a small amount of water in the bottom of your plastic container.
- **Green it up:** Wetlands are known for the plant life! Start by placing the moss/grass on top of the water. Then, add more "plants" to your wetlands. Don't forget to include some twigs and rocks, too!



- **Go wild:** Add different wetland animals to your bin. Remember, some live below the water and some live above the water - and some live both places!
- **Time to explore:** This is the fun part! Students can look at and explore their sensory bin. We suggest leaving the bin up in your classroom for up to one week to give all students a chance to explore the wonders of wetlands!

Want to see a similar sensory bin in action? Check out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=th2BaSNlpvU>