

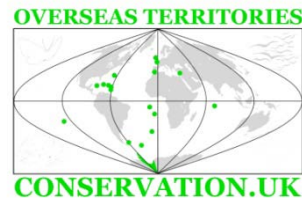
# Wonderful Water

## A Watery World

### Wetland Ecosystems in the Turks and Caicos Islands Part 1

### Pupils' Text Photos

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# Grand Turk



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There are several different wetland ecosystems in this photo.  
Can you name them?

# Salt Pans, Salt Cay



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This donkey is feeding on plants which can grow in salty conditions.

# Freshwater Well



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This freshwater well, at North Wells, Grand Turk, is a small ecosystem.

# Salt Ponds



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The fish ponds on Middle Caicos form a large ecosystem.

# The Sea



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The sea is one of the wetland ecosystems in TCI.

# Flats and Marshes



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These flats and marshes are on Middle Caicos.

# Salinas



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*At first glance, salinas might not look as if they are important for wildlife, but many animals and plants depend on them.*



# Lagoons and Mangroves



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The mangrove roots in the water provide a safe place for young fish to live and grow.

# Brackish ponds



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This small brackish pool might not look very interesting, but the mud contains lots of small animals which birds can feed on.

# Swamps



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This swamp has many different kinds of plants growing in it.

# Freshwater Sinkhole



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This sinkhole is on Middle Caicos.

# Freshwater pond

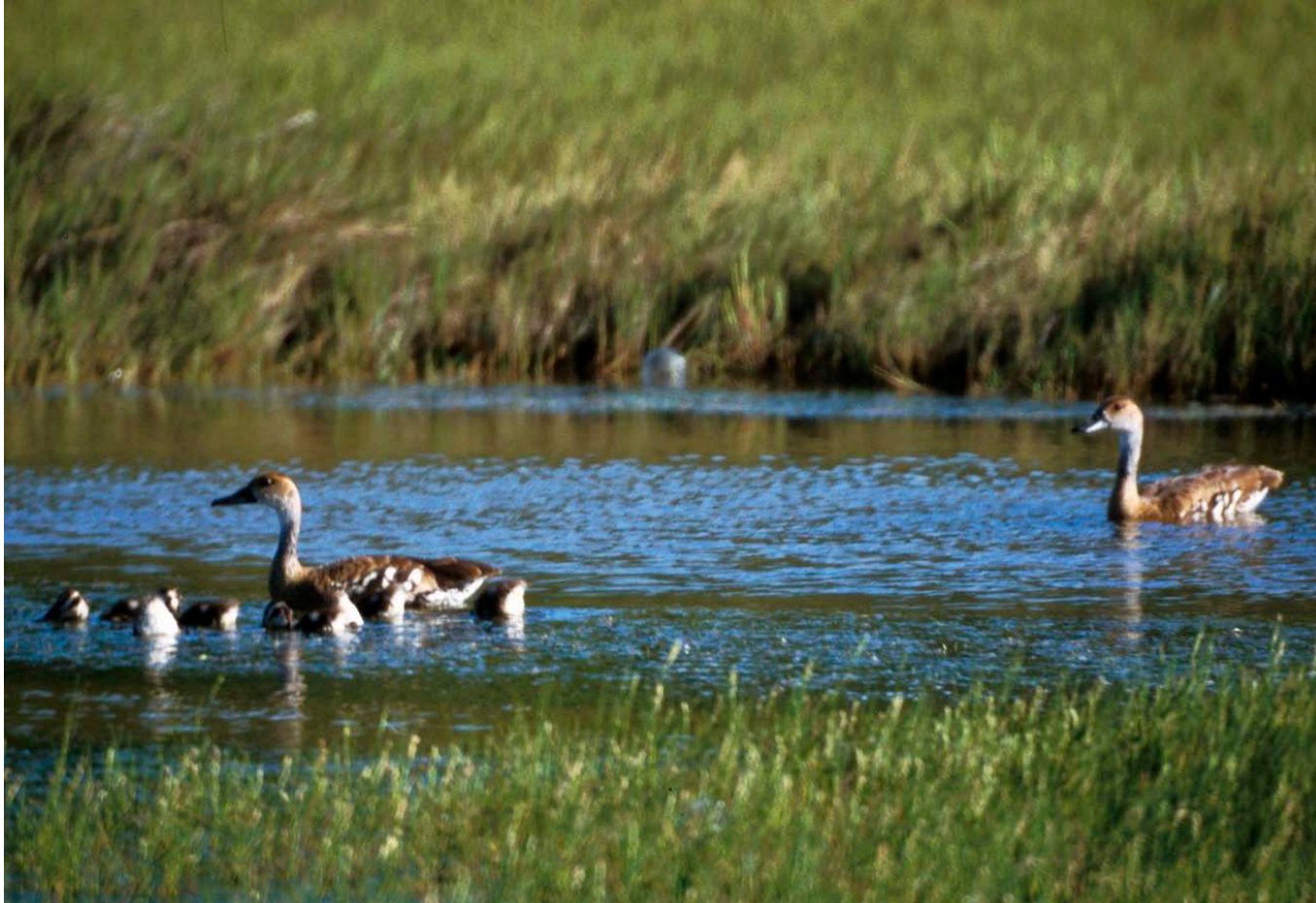


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Village Pond on Middle Caicos is an important freshwater ecosystem. This pair of endangered West Indian Whistling Ducks raised their ducklings here.

# Ecotourism



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Ecotourists really like seeing flamingos. These flamingos are on Big Pond, Middle Caicos. Big Pond is a salt pond ecosystem, and is more salty than the sea.