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*The Official Education Newsletter of the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park*



## A Message From Owlle the Owl:

SPRING has SPRUNG! It's the perfect time to visit the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park to see what plants and animals this new season brings!

Make sure to send my friends at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency a picture of your completed activity(ies) for a prize! You can also view and download activities from this newsletter and previous editions by visiting [ieua.org](http://ieua.org) and clicking on "Learn About Water."

Talk to you all soo(HOO)n!

-Owlle



**Question:** I run forever but do not move at all. I have no lungs or throat but a roaring call. What am I?

*Find out in July's edition!*

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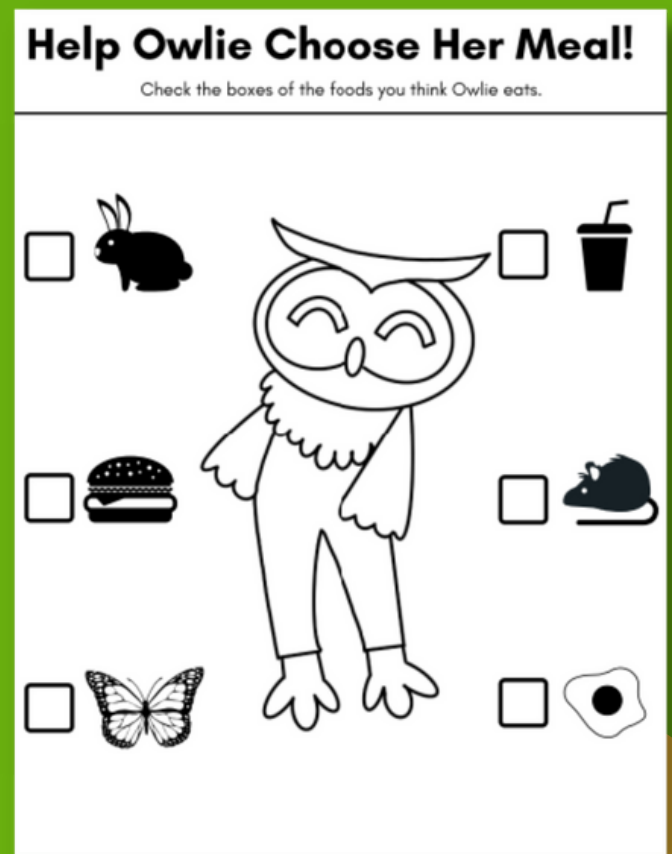
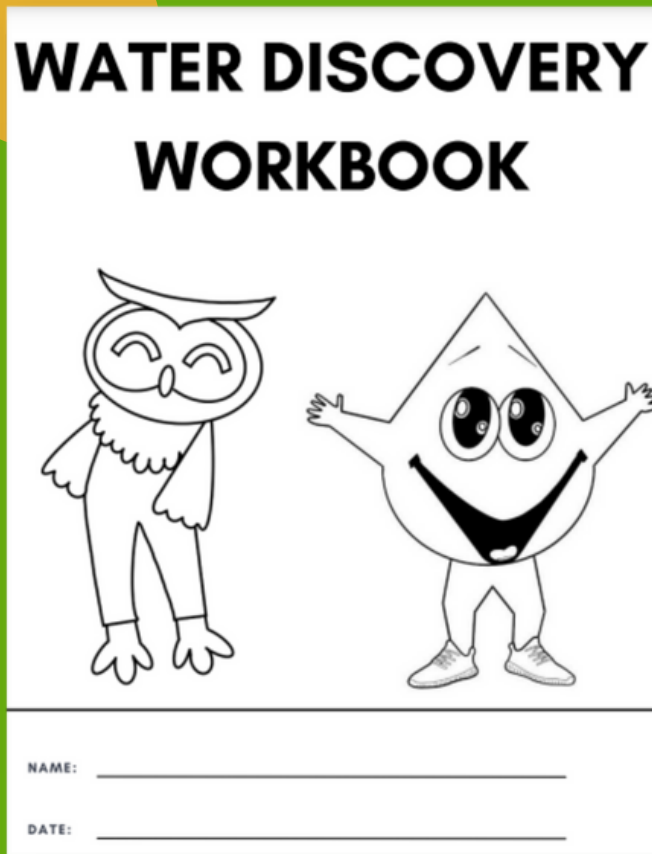
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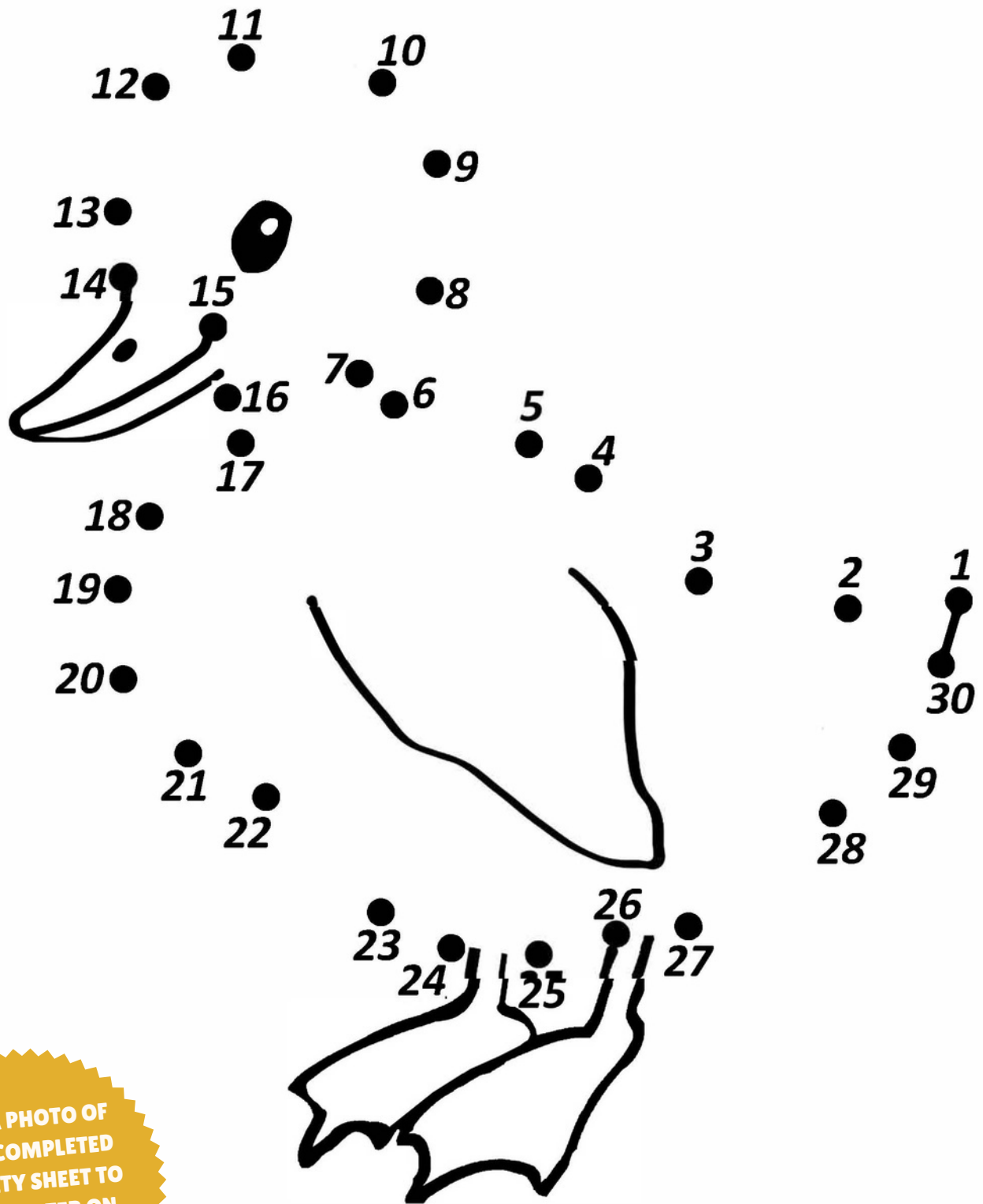
## WATER DISCOVERY WORKBOOK

Do you have a child Kindergarten through 3rd grade? We have a fun workbook designed just for them! This workbook provides fun coloring pages, worksheets, and other activities that teach about our water resources and environment. Download the workbook on our website by visiting [ieua.org](http://ieua.org) and click on **Owlies Virtual Adventures!**



[www.ieua.org/owlies-virtual-adventures/](http://www.ieua.org/owlies-virtual-adventures/) 

# CONNECT-A-DUCK



SEND A PHOTO OF  
YOUR COMPLETED  
ACTIVITY SHEET TO  
@IEUAWATER ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA FOR A  
PRIZE!

Don't forget to color our feathery friend!

# ADVICE FROM OWLIE

CHINO CREEK WETLANDS BLOG

**Q: Dear Owlle,**

This week in school we learned more about aquifers. I think aquifers are really interesting and I want to teach my brothers and sisters about them at home! Do you have any resources that can help me demonstrate how an aquifer works? Thanks Owlle!

Sincerely,

*Amazing Aquifers*

**A: Dear Amazing Aquifers,**

I am happy to hear that you enjoyed learning about aquifers and want to teach your family about them. First, I'll start by giving a brief introduction to what an aquifer is. An aquifer is an underground layer of rocks and soil holding water. Aquifers can be just a few feet under the soil or can sit hundreds of feet deep.

We have an At-Home Activity that will demonstrate how an aquifer works. Our Edible Aquifer activity is a perfect way for you to learn all about aquifers and make your own yummy aquifer that you can eat after! This activity can be delicious, but please get permission from your parents or guardians before using any food products. It can be found on our YouTube page [@IEUAWater](#).



For this activity, you will need:

- Edible Aquifer Visual Aid\*
- Aluminum foil
- Vanilla ice cream
- Clear soda
- Crushed chocolate cookies
- Sprinkles
- Gummy bears
- Drinking straws
- Spoons
- Clear cups
- Trash bags
- Paper towels

\*Downloaded from IEUA's website.

The cup represents the basin. The materials that go inside of the cup represent rainwater, grass, gravel and soil, clay, rock, and water! Watch our [YouTube video](#) to see how it all comes together to demonstrate how an aquifer works.

I hope you enjoy this tasty activity while you teach your family about aquifers!

Talk to you all soo(HOO)n!

Owlle

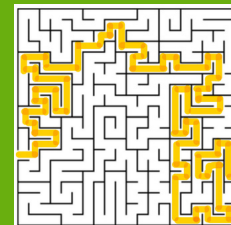
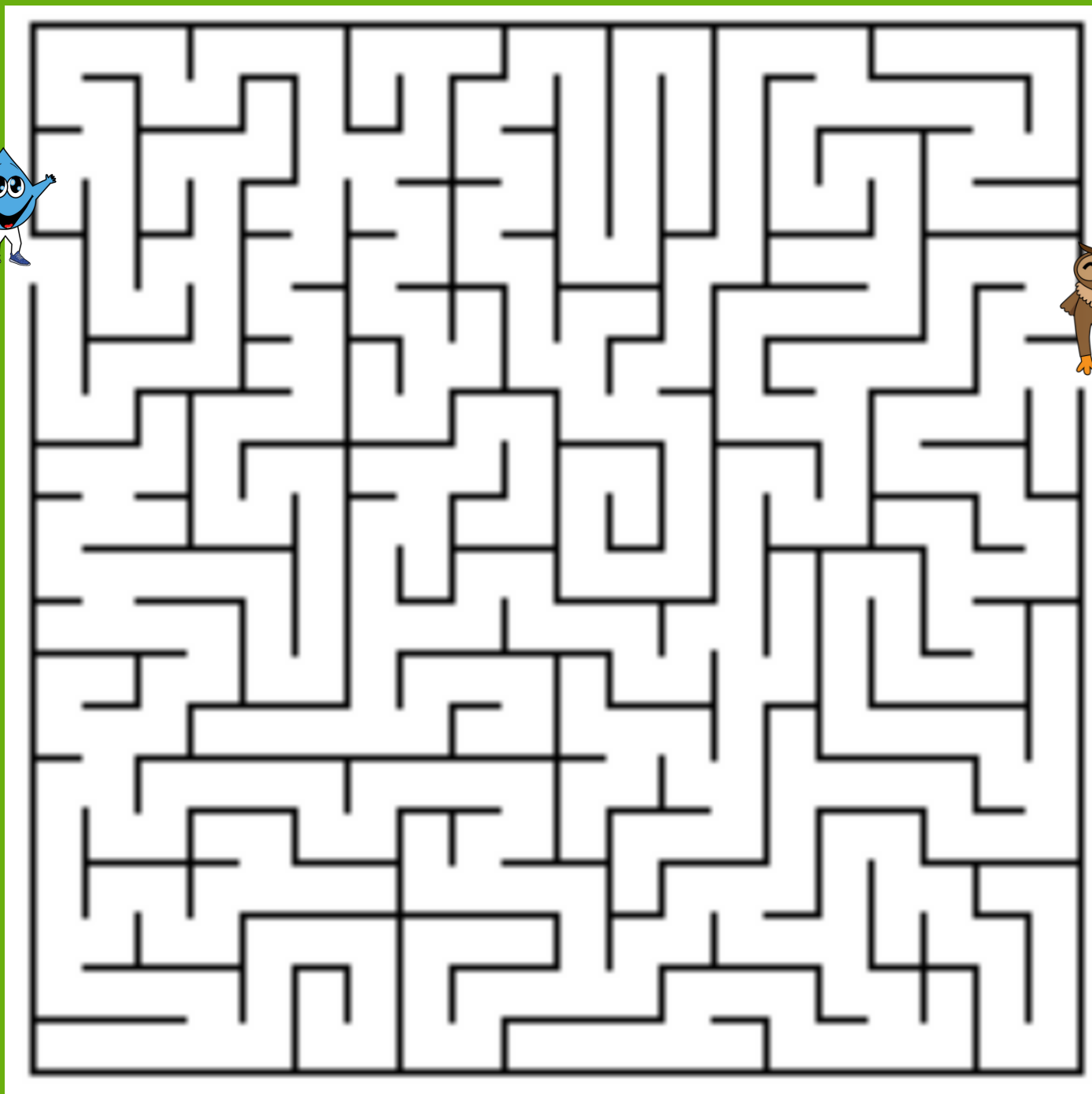


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# WALLY'S WACKY MAZE

Help Wally find his way back to Owlie!



# SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

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## PLANT: WHITE SAGE

This plant is white sage! We have a few different types of sage here at the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park. There is white, purple, and black sage. White sage has long silver-white leaves and can grow up to five feet tall. This plant attracts a variety of bees and butterflies. Next time you are at the park, make sure to give this plant a smell!



*White Sage*



*Western Fence Lizard*

## ANIMAL: WESTERN FENCE LIZARD

Here we have the Western Fence Lizard. The Western Fence Lizard is one of the most common lizards in California. They are known for their bright blue bellies and throats which are used to attract mates! When escaping from predators, the Western Fence Lizard can detach its tail in order to escape. The tail usually regrows in 3-5 weeks and is shorter than the previous tail.

# WATER WORD SCRAMBLE

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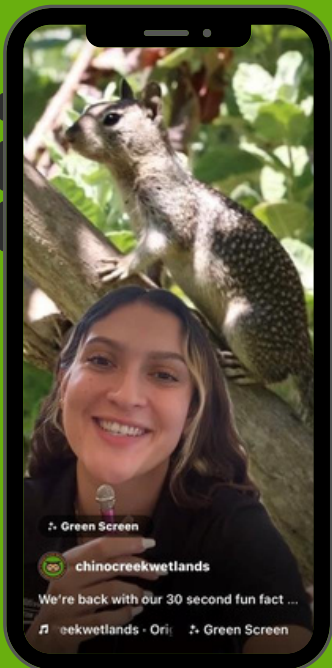
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TOYON | MALLARD | SPRING

## STAY CONNECTED



Check out our Instagram @Chinocreekwetlands to watch our 30 second fun fact reels!

This series provides fun facts about different things that can be found in the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park. Follow along to learn about plants, animals, and more!



## WALLY'S WORD OF THE DAY

wayst - wa - ter

*noun*

1. Water that has been used in a home, in a business, or as part of an industrial process.

WASTEWATER



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