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A Message From Owlie the Owl:

It's time to fluff your feathers because fall season is here! This is the best time to explore the outdoors and enjoy the crisp autumn air and the fall foliage at the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park!

My friends and I at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency are looking forward to seeing all of your completed activity sheets, so make sure to send us a photo of them so you can receive a fun prize!

Talk to you all soo(HOO)n!

-Owlie



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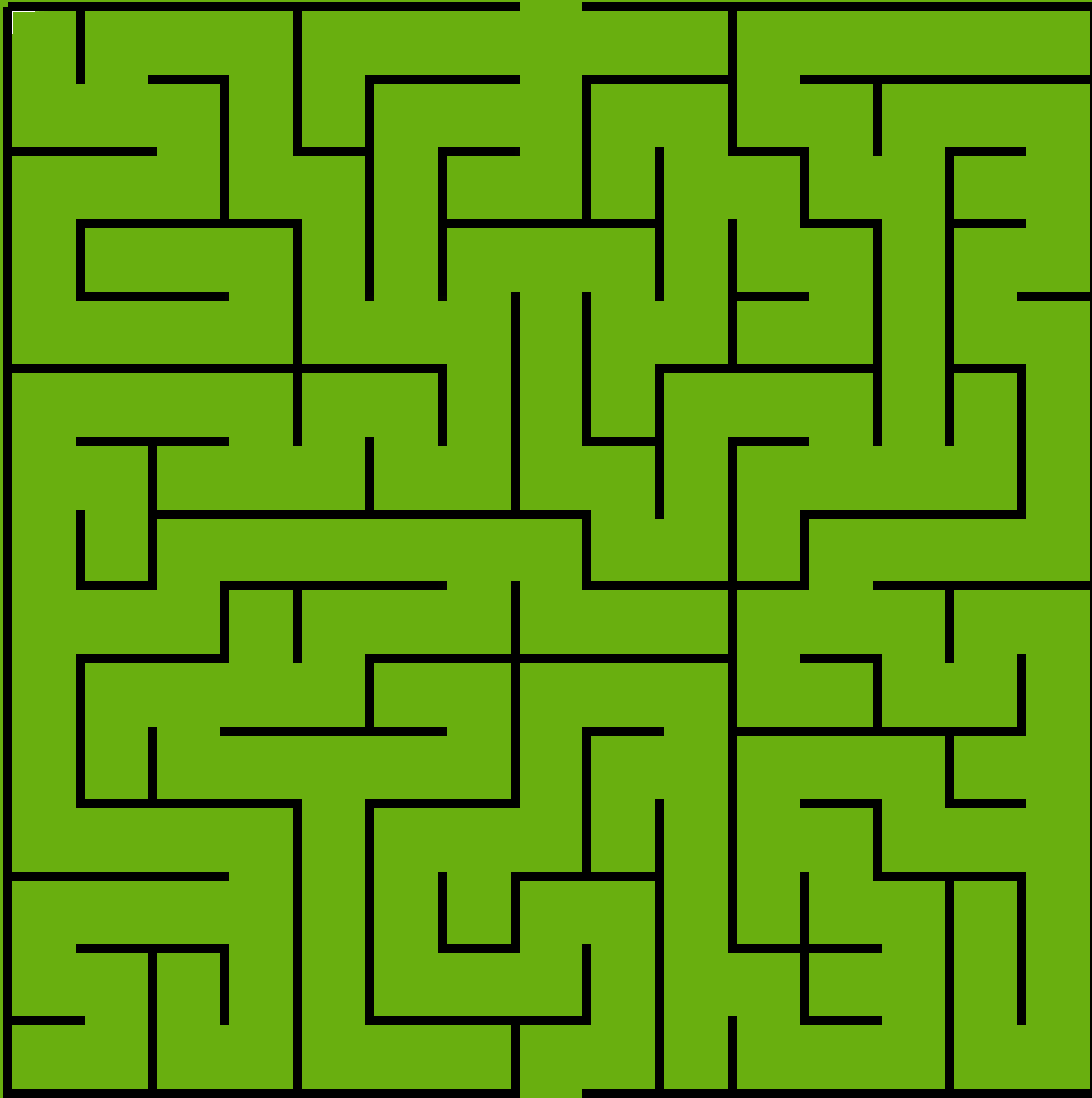
WATER DISCOVERY FIELD TRIP

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency is excited to announce that in-person Water Discovery Field Trips have resumed at the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park! The Water Discovery Program serves to educate students about natural treatment wetlands, promote water conservation and foster environmental stewardship. In addition to a tour of the wetlands, students will participate in hands-on activities that encourage imagination and critical thinking. Visit www.ieua.org/water-discovery-program/ to find more information or fill out a field trip request form!

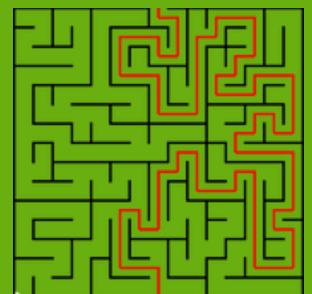


WALLY'S WATER MAZE

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ADVICE FROM OWLIE

CHINO CREEK WETLANDS BLOG

Q: Dear Owlle,

This week, I visited the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park with my Scout troop to earn my Water Scout badge, and guess what? I saw the spookiest spider I have ever seen! It was super tiny like the size of a dime, but that's not all, this spider looked like it could fly! Can you help me figure out what type of spider this is?

Sincerely,

Spooky Spider Scout

A: Dear Spooky Spider Scout,

HOO-HOO-Hurray! Congratulations on earning your Water Scout badge! Taking part in the Water Scout Badge Program is a great way to explore everything that the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park has to offer.

Now, to answer your question, it seems that the spooky spider you are describing is a jumping spider! These curious little spiders have two features that make them super unique. First, jumping spiders have amazing vision! Unlike most spiders, jumping spiders do not spin a web to catch prey. Instead, jumping spiders rely on their front set of eyes to measure the distance they need to leap and catch prey.

Second, as the name suggests, jumping spiders like to jump! In fact, they can jump up to 40 times their body size! Scientists suggest that jumping spiders can rapidly increase the blood pressure in their legs which gives them the boost they need to leap through great distances effortlessly.

Be on the lookout for the jumping spider during your next visit to the Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park!

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WATER!**



PLANT SCRAMBLE

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Unscramble each word to reveal the
name of the native plants below!

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ANSWER: 1. CALIFORNIA BUCKWHEAT 2. PURPLE SAGE 3. CALIFORNIA BULRUSH

SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

PLANT: DEER GRASS

Deer grass is a perennial plant that is about 3 ft tall. It has 2 ft plumes that rise up above the plant. Deer grass thrives in well-draining soil (especially sandy and gravelly soil). Deer grass is a drought-tolerant plant. Once the plant is mature, it does not need any supplemental water. Deer grass is often used for landscaping purposes because it is naturally beautiful and easy to care for.



Deer Grass

ANIMAL: RUDDY DUCK

Wetland habitats are important for ruddy ducks because they build their nests in areas with shallow water and dense marsh vegetation. The ruddy duck has stiff tail feathers that stick straight up. The male ruddy duck has a distinct bright blue beak that helps attract mates. The female ruddy duck is brown and blends in more with the surrounding environment.



Male Ruddy Duck



Female Ruddy Duck

WATER WORD SCRAMBLE

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WATER WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWERS: DUCK | SYCAMORE | GOOSE | PONDS

WALLY'S WORD OF THE DAY

wet · land

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1. Land that is filled or soaked with water either permanently or seasonally.

WETLAND



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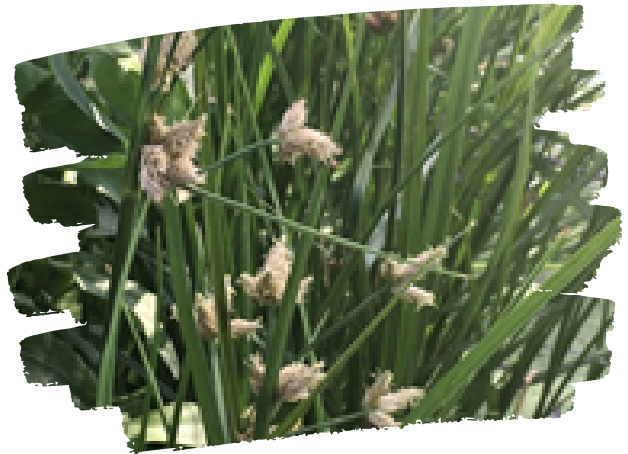
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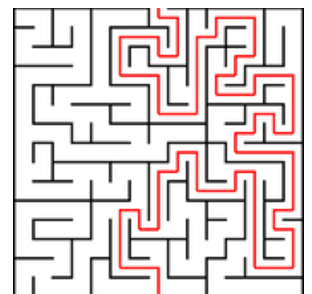
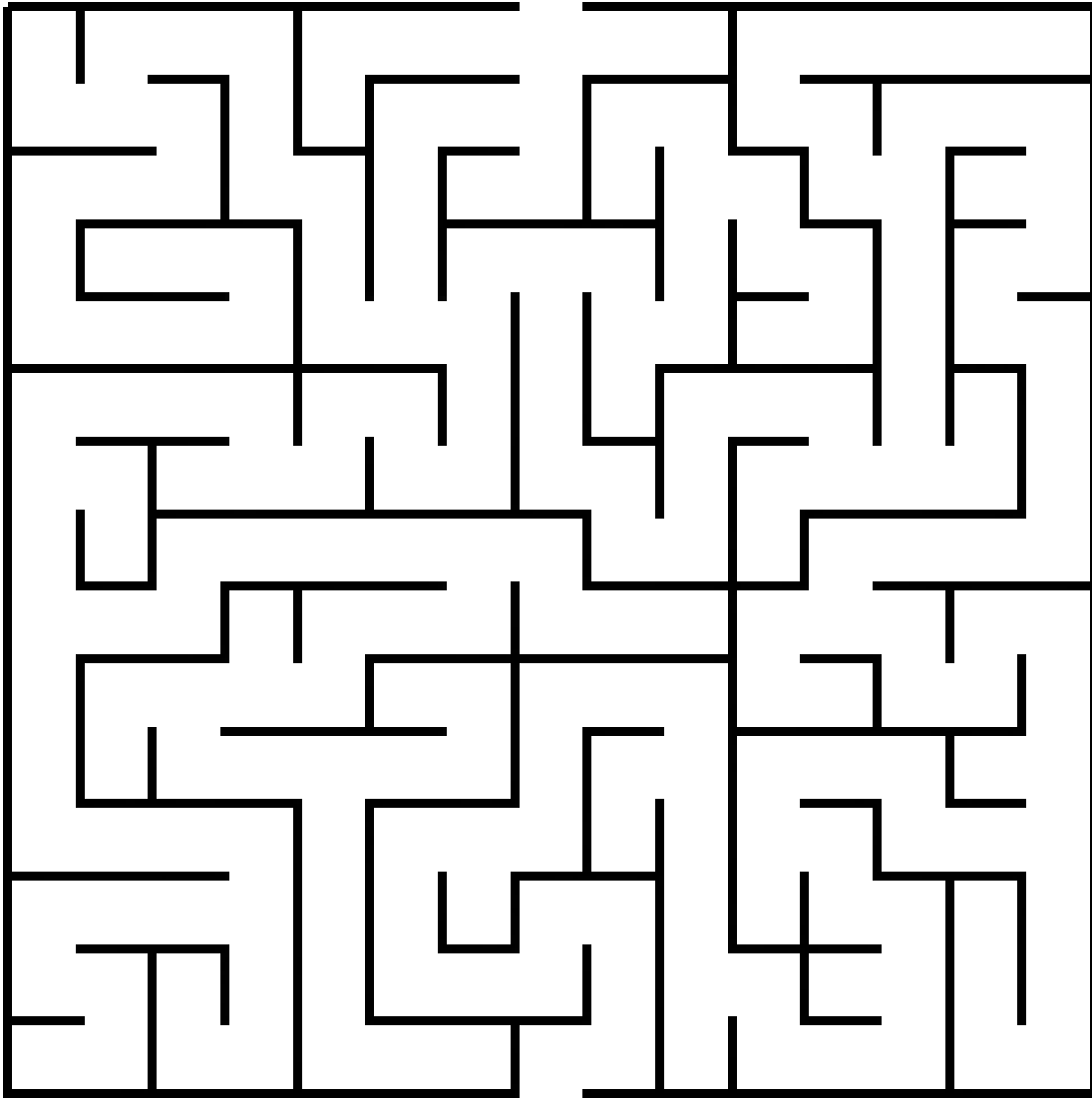


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