

Wetland Wonders

alls of endangered hyacinth macaws echo through the tropical Pantanal wetland. Howler monkeys swing through the trees as jaguars prowl below. This incredibly biodiverse area is one of the world's largest freshwater wetlands. It's located mostly in Brazil, and sprawls into Bolivia and Paraguay, covering at least 54,000 square miles (140,000 sq. km)!

It's home to over 600 species of birds, hundreds of kinds of fish, and many other creatures. The Pantanal

and other wetlands are critical ecosystems for our planet's health. Also, some wetlands give protection from flooding and drought. Like giant sponges, they absorb and release water as needed. Wetlands can also filter out water pollution and prevent land erosion.

But global issues such as climate change, pollution, construction, hunting, and farming pose risks to wetlands and their wildlife. By preserving these wonders, we can help them flourish for generations to come.

These explorers are navigating the amazing Pantanal. Find their route to the nature lodge. Along the way, help them spot three animals they've never seen before.

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DURING THE WET SEASON, ABOUT 80% OF THE PANTANAL GETS SUBMERGED IN WATER.

START

- Tapir
- Capybara
- S. American Coati

