



Red-eared slider

Bald cypress

Purple gallinule

American alligator

## Forested Wetland

Often called swamps, these wetlands are home to trees like bald cypress, water tupelo, and black willow as well as unique creatures like alligators, wood ducks, tree frogs, and water-loving turtles. These wetlands can be filled with water or only have wet soil during part of the year. In addition to providing important habitat, forested wetlands supply people with clean water and food and help protect communities from flooding.