



UNTAMED Watch-along Worksheet

Episode 12: Waterbirds

While you watch, listen carefully and use what you learn to fill in the blanks. Answers appear during the video in the same order as these questions, so be sure to read ahead!

1. Throughout the world there are 30 families of waterbirds, comprised of _____ species.
2. Despite so many different species, all waterbirds will migrate long distances each year.

True -or- False

3. Due to their foraging behavior, many waterbirds mistakenly eat _____ ammunition left behind by hunters, leading to toxicity and even death.
4. Feeding ducks or geese bread and other human foods is harmful because:
 - A) It's not a nutritious source of food
 - B) It can cause them to congregate in large numbers
 - C) It can degrade water quality over time
 - D) All of the above

5. Many waterbirds rescued from public parks suffer from metabolic _____ disease and other growth deformities, caused by a diet unusually low in calcium.
6. _____ is the concept that the health of animals, people, and the environment is equal, important, and connected.
7. Even if it doesn't belong to you, cleaning up lost and discarded _____ gear is one of the easiest ways to prevent waterbirds from becoming injured.
8. Some waterbirds, like _____, are so specifically adapted for life on the water they require ponds or lakes to take off and fly.
9. One of the most challenging aspects of rehabilitating waterbirds is maintaining the natural water proofing of their feathers.

True -or- False

10. Write one thing you can do to help waterbirds in the wild:

Answer Key

1. Throughout the world there are 30 families of waterbirds, comprised of **800** species.
2. Despite so many different species, all waterbirds will migrate long distances each year.

True -or- **False**

3. Due to their foraging behavior, many waterbirds mistakenly eat **lead** ammunition left behind by hunters, leading to toxicity and even death.
4. Feeding ducks or geese bread and other human foods is harmful because:
 - A) It's not a nutritious source of food
 - B) It can cause them to congregate in large numbers
 - C) It can degrade water quality over time
 - D) All of the above**
5. Many waterbirds rescued from public parks suffer from metabolic **bone** disease and other growth deformities, caused by a diet unusually low in calcium.
6. **One Health** is the concept that the health of animals, people, and the environment is equal, important, and connected.
7. Even if it doesn't belong to you, cleaning up lost and discarded **fishing** gear is one of the easiest ways to prevent waterbirds from becoming injured.
8. Some waterbirds, like **loons**, are so specifically adapted for life on the water they require ponds or lakes to take off and fly.
9. One of the most challenging aspects of rehabilitating waterbirds is maintaining the natural water proofing of their feathers.

True -or- False

10. Write one thing you can do to help baby animals in the wild: Any variation of not feeding wild birds, cleaning up discarded fishing tackle, leaving nests alone, minimizing the use of fertilizers and pesticides, or being responsible by co-existing with wildlife in the outdoors.