



THE HARDWOOD HAMMOCK



The hardwood hammock is a dry habitat.

This habitat gets its name from the leafy **hardwood** trees that grow there, like the live oak. The term **hammock** means cool, shady place. The trees in the hardwood hammock grow close together so their branches **overlap** forming an “umbrella” or **canopy** that blocks the sun. The trees help to keep the hammocks shady and cool.



Spanish moss is an airplant found in the hardwood hammock.

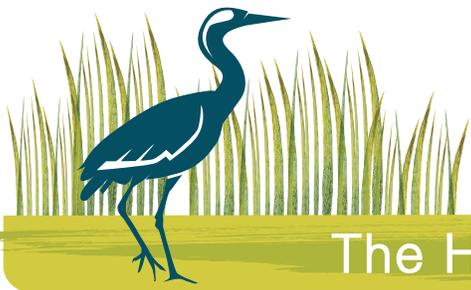
More than 150 kinds of trees and plants live here. These include ferns, shrubs, and **airplants** that all **thrive** in the shady hardwood hammock. The hardwood hammock is also home to an **abundance** of large and small animals. Here you can find insects and spiders and many kinds of colorful birds, snakes, lizards, and frogs. Other larger animals, like raccoons and opossums and even the black bear and the Florida panther also make the hardwood hammock their home.



The Florida panther hunts at night.



Dragonfly



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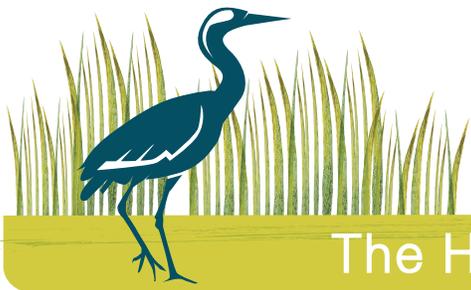
The Hardwood Hammock Questions

Directions: Answer the following questions about the Hardwood Hammock habitat in the Everglades.

Remember to use your vocabulary glossary if you need help with a vocabulary word.

Circle the correct answer

1. What is the meaning of canopy as it is used in describing the hardwood hammock?
 - a. An umbrella that keeps the sun off of you.
 - b. Trees whose branches overlap.
 - c. A shady habitat.
 - d. A place for animals to hide.
2. Which part of the text explains why the hardwood hammock is a dry habitat?
 - a. The term hammock means cool dry place.
 - b. Although many Everglades habitats are wet, hardwood hammocks are not.
 - c. The trees help to keep the hammocks shady and cool.
 - d. Like the pinelands, they are dry habitats because they are found on higher elevation.
- 3a. Based on the text information, with which statement would the author agree?
 - a. The hardwood hammock would be a good place to visit on a hot summer day.
 - b. You would have to wade through water in the hardwood hammock.
 - c. If you visited the hardwood hammock, you would not see many trees.
 - d. Only insects and spiders live in the hardwood hammock.
- 3b. Which piece of evidence supports your answer in 3a?
 - a. The hardwood hammock is a kind of forest.
 - b. The hardwood hammock is a dry habitat.
 - c. The hardwood hammock is like the pinelands.
 - d. The hardwood hammock is cool and shady.
4. How does the picture of the hardwood hammock help you understand what you read?
 - a. The pictures show many kinds of animals.
 - b. The pictures show a forest with trees.
 - c. The pictures show tall trees growing close together.
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The Hardwood Hammock Teacher Guide

Annually Assessed ELA Benchmarks:

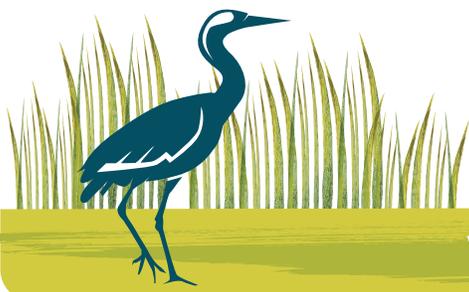
LAFS.3.RI.1.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. (Selectable Text)

LAFS.3.RI.1.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea. (MC)

LAFS.3.RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur). (MC)

Answer Key

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Vocabulary Glossary

Use the glossary below to look up the vocabulary words from the habitat factsheets.

Vocabulary for Hardwood Hammock

Abundance	A large quantity; Plenty
Airplants	A plant that gets its water and nutrients from the air and rain and grows usually on another plant
Canopy	A protective covering: such as the uppermost spreading branchy layer of a forest
Elevation	The height above the level of the sea
Habitat	The place where a plant or animal lives where it can find food, water, shelter, and space
Hammock	A place in nature that is usually higher than its surroundings and has hardwood vegetation and rich soil
Hardwood	Broad, wide leaved trees that grow well in the Everglades
Hardwood Hammock	A habitat that is found on higher elevations, making it a dry habitat
Overlap	To place or be placed so that a part of one covers a part of another
Thrive	To grow or develop very well; Flourish