

Emerged Plants: Cloze Reading Passage Answer Key



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Emerged plants are rooted to the **bottom** sediments, but their stems, leaves and flowers are **above** the water. Bulrush, **cattail**, and maidencane are examples of **emersed** plants. Emerged plants grow in or **near** the edge of a waterbody and they perform many functions. They provide **shelter** for fish; as well as **food** (seeds and leaves) and habitat for other wildlife such as birds, ducks, frogs, and raccoons. Emerged plants also help to reduce shoreline **erosion**.

Word bank

above bottom cat-tail emersed
erosion food habitat near shelter

For more information on emersed plants:

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/guide/emepla.html>
<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/scical.html>
<http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/typha.html>
<http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/saglan.html>