Ezh Neshnabeg wamdawmwa nibikanen

How the Potawatomi See Wetlands

Sample Vocabulary

- Mud Turtle - Mshike
- Along the water’s edge - jegbig
- Painted Turtle - Mskodesi
- River - zibi
- Snapping Turtle - Meknak
- Underwater - nambig
- Muskrat - Wzheshk
- He/She Glides (flying) - dsashe
- Crane - Jejak
- He/She Lands (from flight) - boni
- Grebe - Zhigbes
- He/She Dives - gogi
- Catfish - Manmeg
- He/She Swims - bgeze
- Deer - Seksi
- He/She rises from the water - mokbi
- White-Tail Deer - Washkeshi
- Water flowing up from the ground - mokjewan
- Mink - Gnepshkwe
- Pond - wenzhbi
- Eagle - Kno
- Hawk - Gkek
- Red-Tail Hawk - Meshktenye
- Cooper’s Hawk - Bonse
- Frog - Mekchako

Sample Sentences

1) N’gi wabma ngot jijak wnago ga bonid megwa gi babmoseyan nibikanek.
   Literal: I did see him/her one crane yesterday he/she did land while I did walk about wetlands (locative).
   Conversational English: I saw a crane land yesterday while out for a stroll in the wetlands.

2) Meknak o’ga mwan mekchako jegbigek.
   Literal: Snapping turtle he/she did eat him/her frog along the water’s edge (locative).
   Conversational English: The snapping turtle was eating a frog at the edge of the water.

3) Wzheshk ga gogid nambig bwamshe meshktenye ga ne wabmed.
   Literal: Muskrat he/she did dive under the water before red-tail hawk he/she did there see him/her.
   Conversational English: The muskrat dove underwater before the red-tail hawk saw it there.

4) Manmegek bgezek nambig mine mijenawan noj-gego.
   Literal: Catfish they swim underwater and they eat various things.
   Conversational English: Catfish swim underwater and eat a variety of things.

5) Pi gnepshkwe ga mokbi, jayek seksik e-ga mnekewwat jegbig ga zegzewat ma shna mine ga gimiwat.

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Literal: When mink he/she did rise from the water, all deer who they were drinking along the water’s edge they did get scared and they did flee.

Conversational English: When the mink rose from the water, all the deer drinking along the water’s edge were frightened and fled.