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Ezh Neshnabeg wamdawwad 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 mnekewewat 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.

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