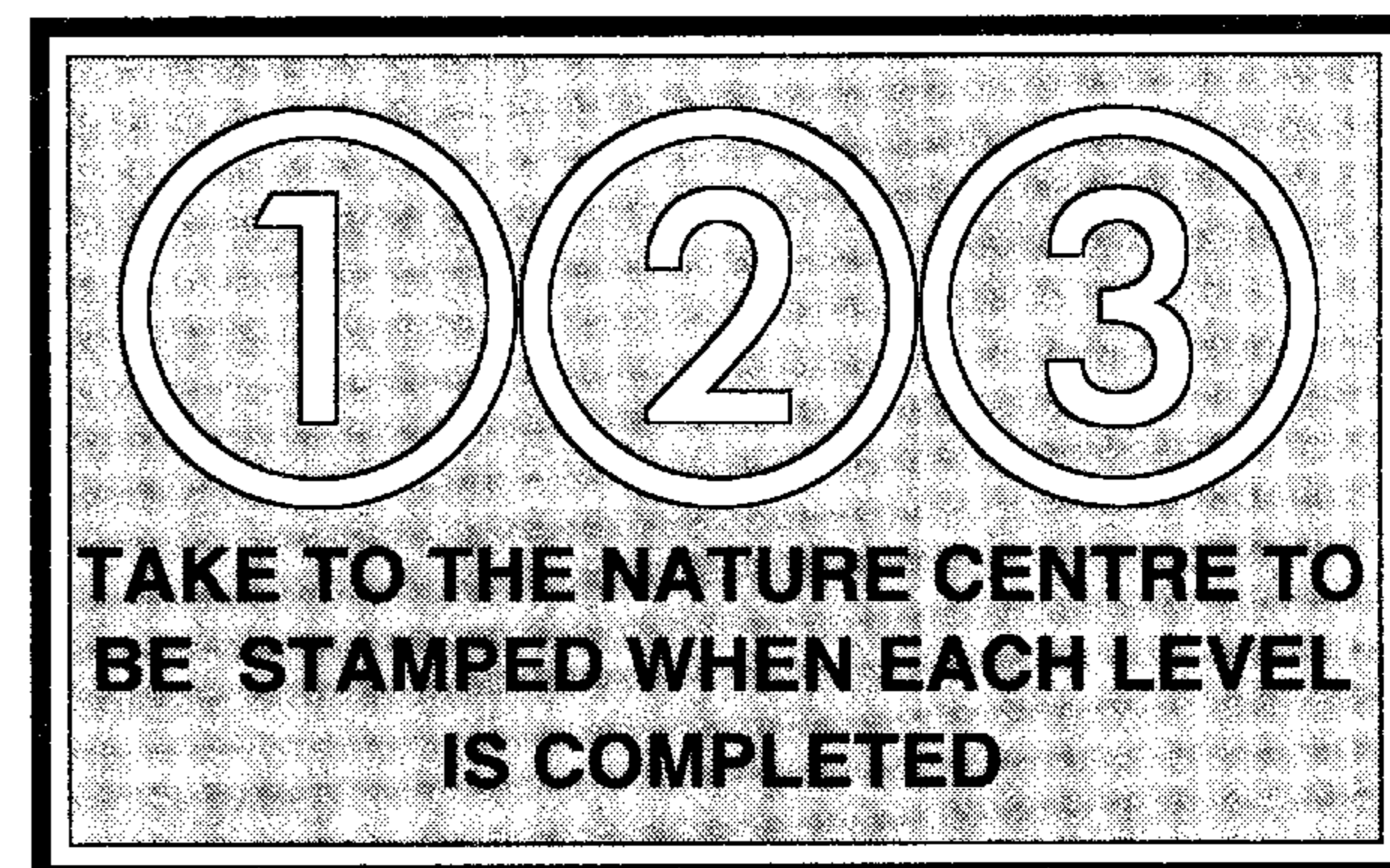


Presqu'ile's Pannorama

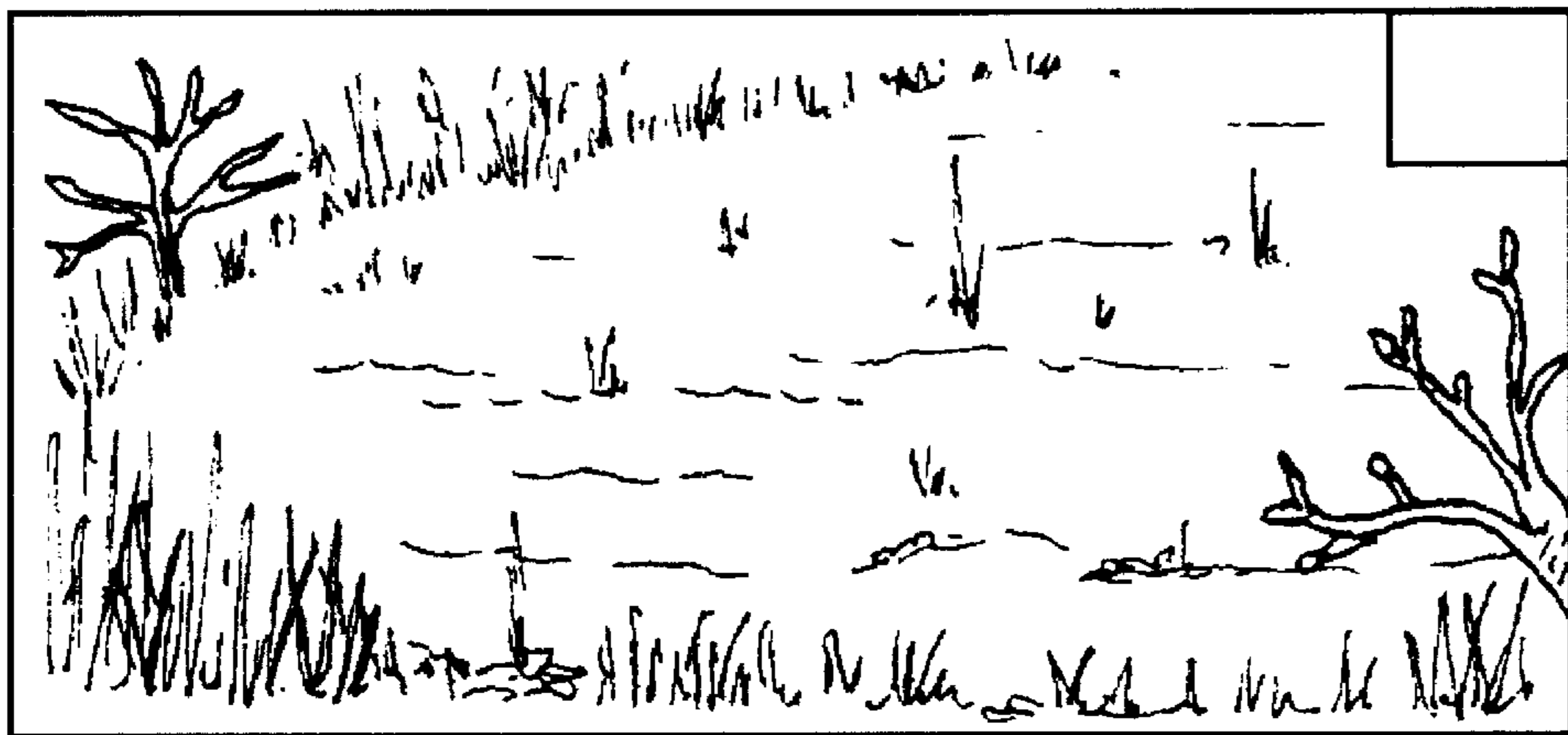
# THE PANNES



Welcome to the Pannes, a very rare habitat! What a delight to have such a unique place here at Presqu'ile! The Pannes look a lot different from the last time I flew over. Every season I see changes as the water levels rise and fall. It's hard to keep track of who lives in the Pannes - you are always meeting new animals that are adapted to either water or dry land. When an animal is adapted to an environment this means that it has special body parts or behaviour that allows it to live in that environment. For example, a fish is adapted to water because it has fins not legs.

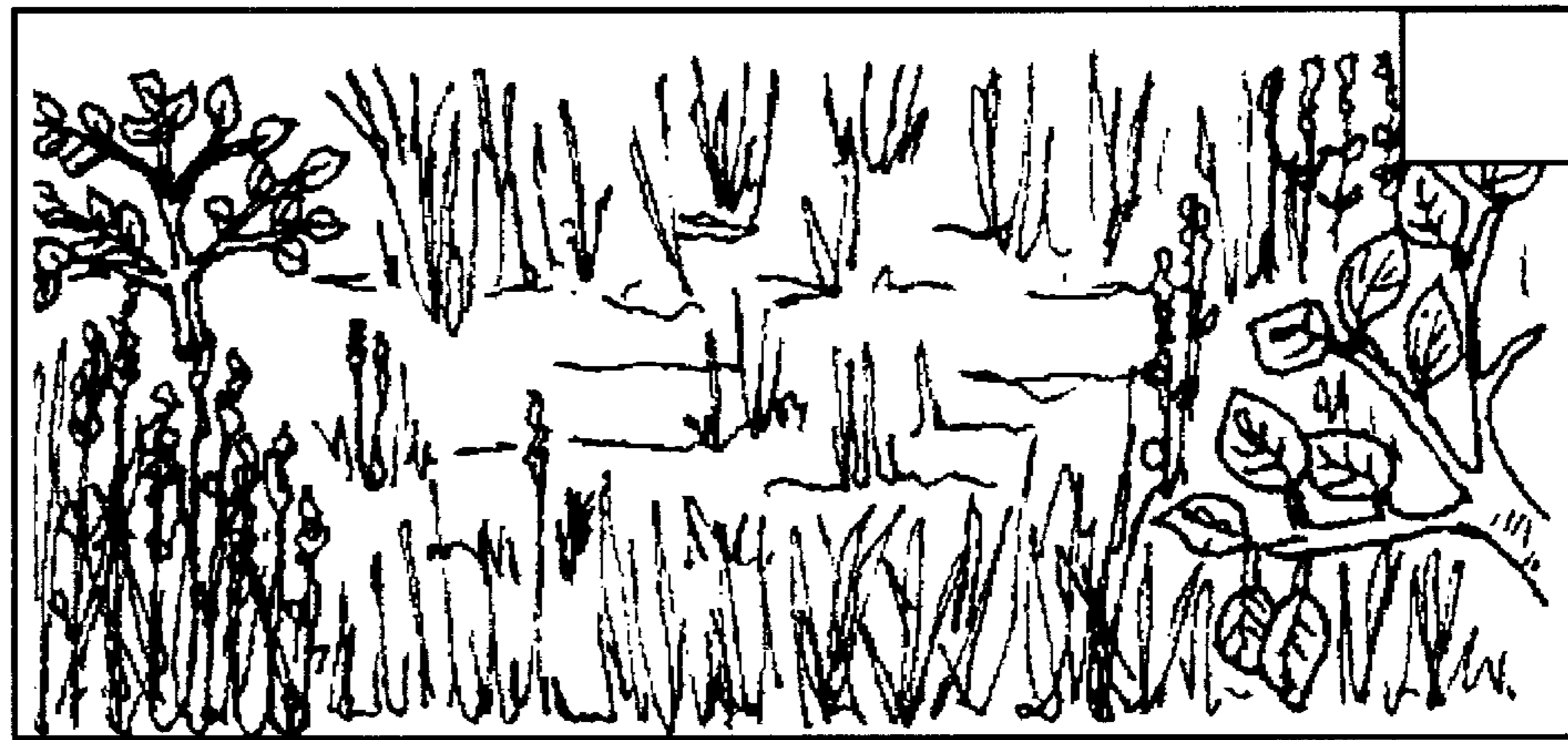
## Level **1** A Panne for All Seasons

Look at the pictures below. Check off the one that best matches how the Pannes looked when you visited.



### Spring Pannes

Because the land is low lying and the water table is high the Pannes become a big flooded puddle in the spring.



### Summer Pannes

Over the summer the water evaporates and the Pannes become drier making way for a whole new neighborhood of plants and animals.

### Panne Poetry

Write a poem (or draw a picture) about something you saw in the Pannes.

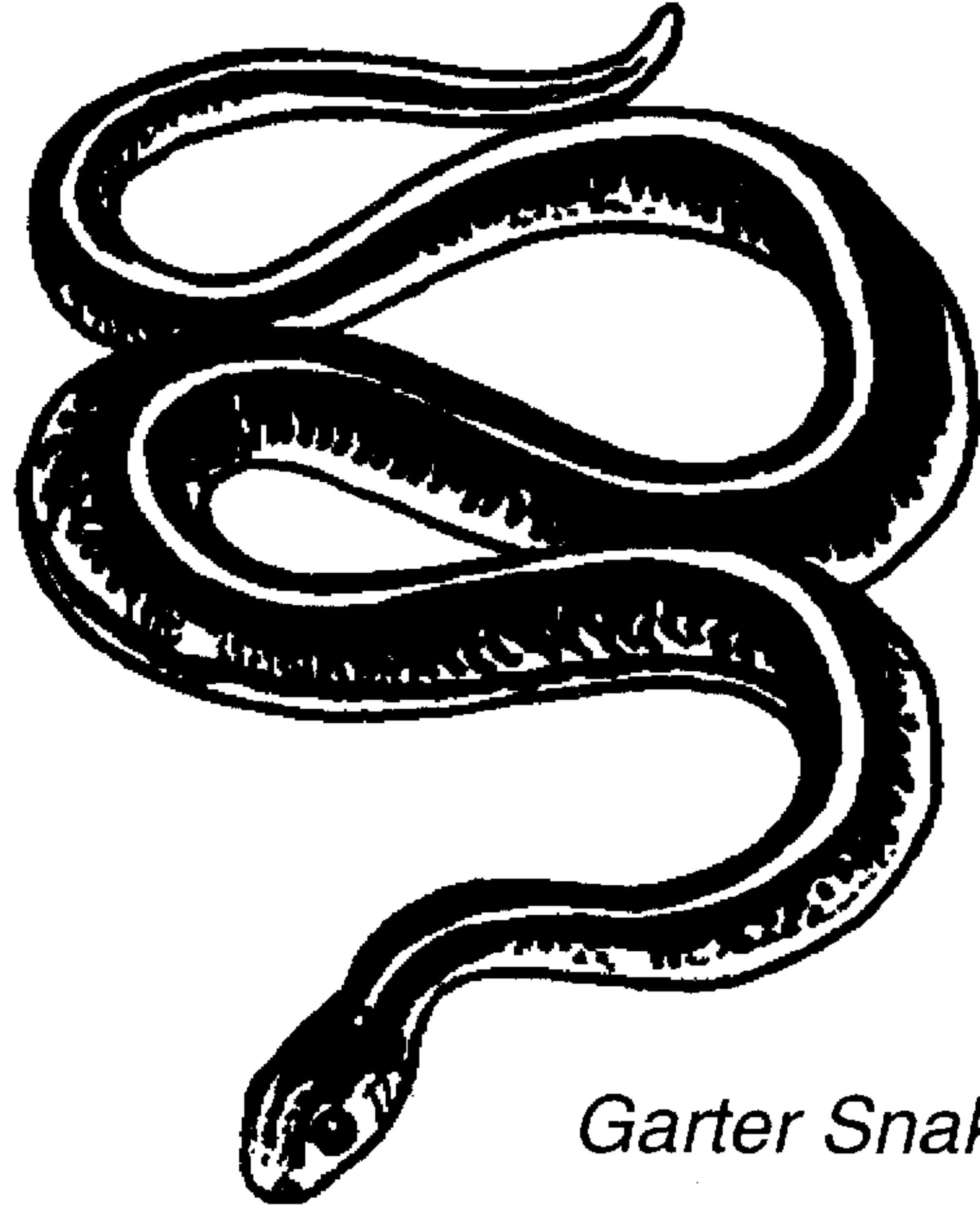
**Level 2** Read the information below. When would you most likely find these animals and plants in the Pannes? Circle the Season.

- 1. Snakes ..... Spring ..... Summer
- 2. Frogs ..... Spring ..... Summer
- 3. Butterflies ..... Spring ..... Summer
- 4. Songbirds ..... Spring ..... Summer

- 5. Tadpoles ..... Spring ..... Summer
- 6. Shorebirds ..... Spring ..... Summer
- 7. Orchids ..... Spring ..... Summer

**Snakes**

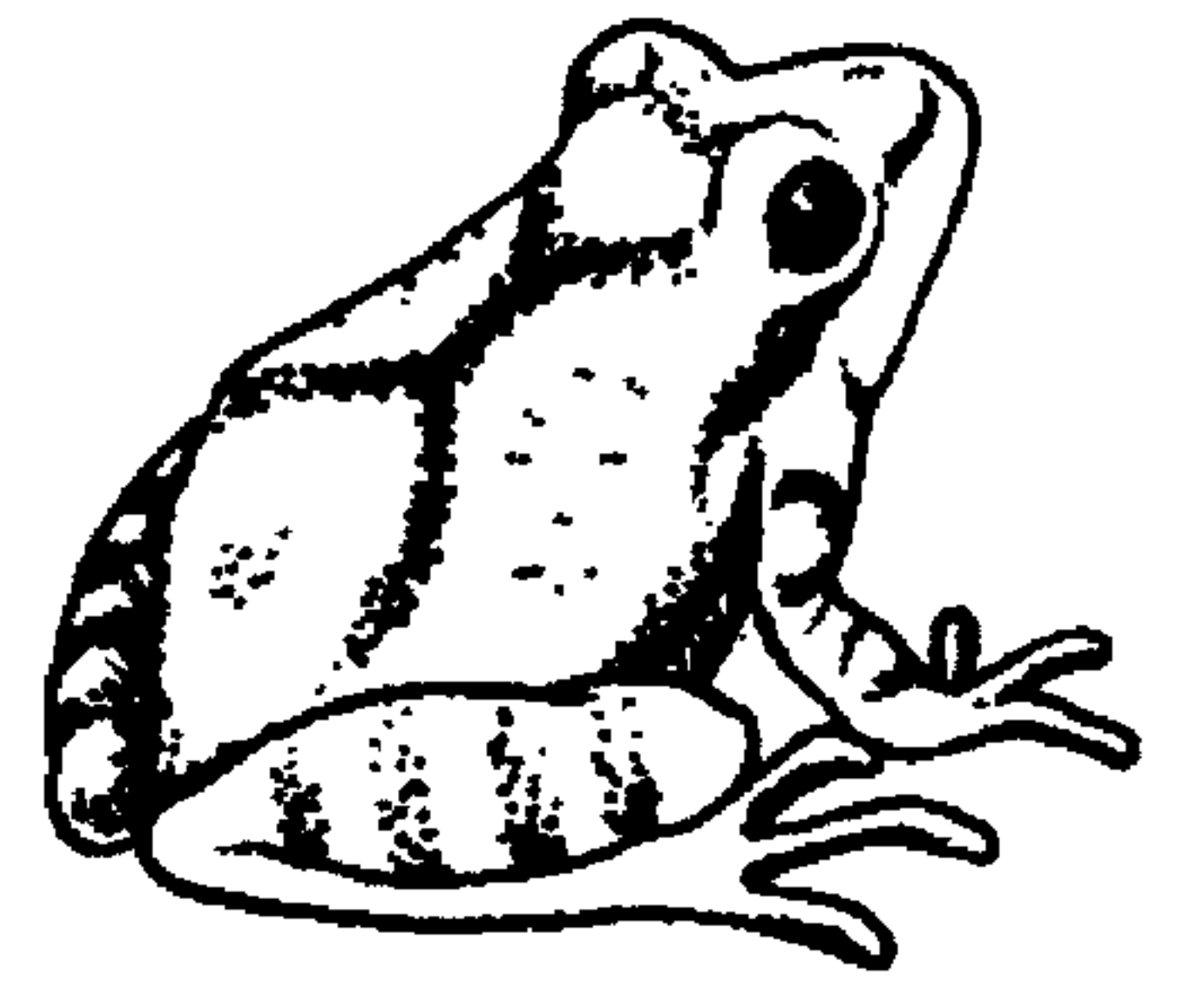
Garter Snakes slither through the Panne grasses looking for spots to sunbathe. They eat frogs, worms and other small critters.



*Garter Snake*

**Frogs**

Frogs use the Pannes for breeding. It's a great place to hear frog calls like the "peep" of this Spring Peeper.



*Spring Peeper*

**Butterflies**

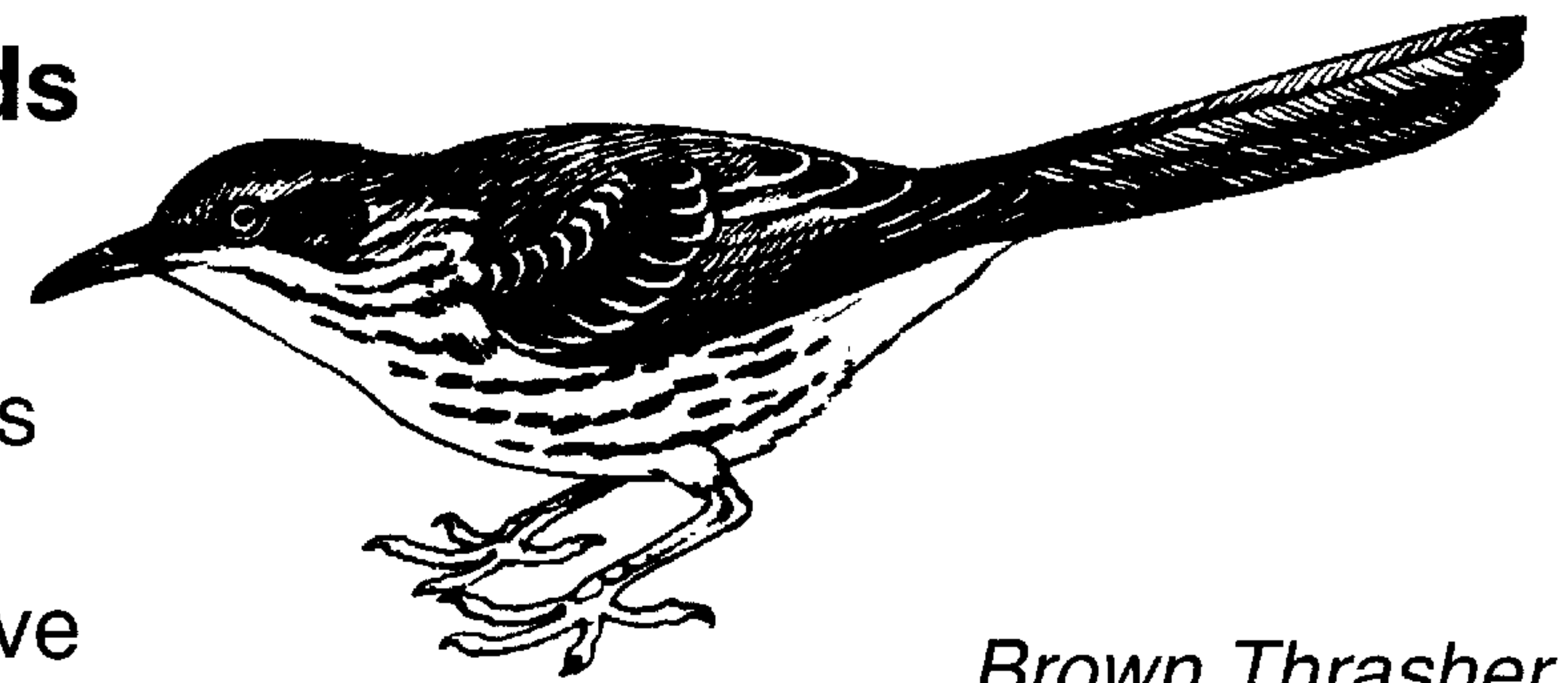
The Pannes are home to many butterflies like this Silver-Bordered Fritillary. They travel from flower to flower drinking the nectar with their long tongues.



*Silver-Bordered Fritillary*

**Songbirds**

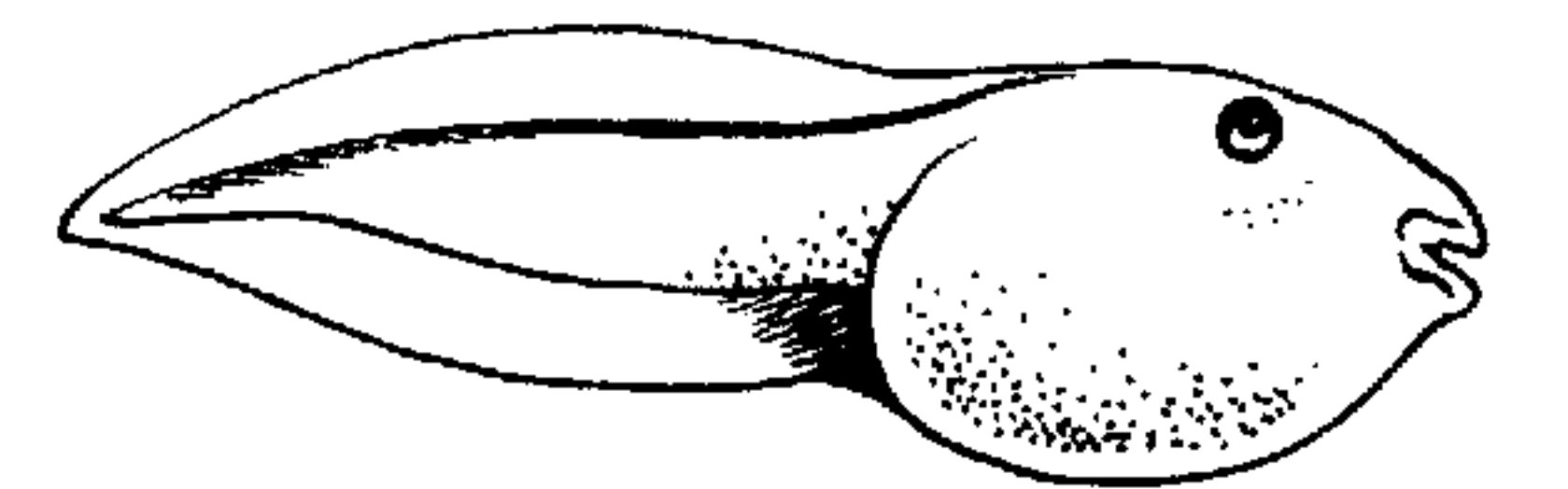
Some songbirds such as this Brown Thrasher live in the Pannes.



*Brown Thrasher*

**Tadpoles**

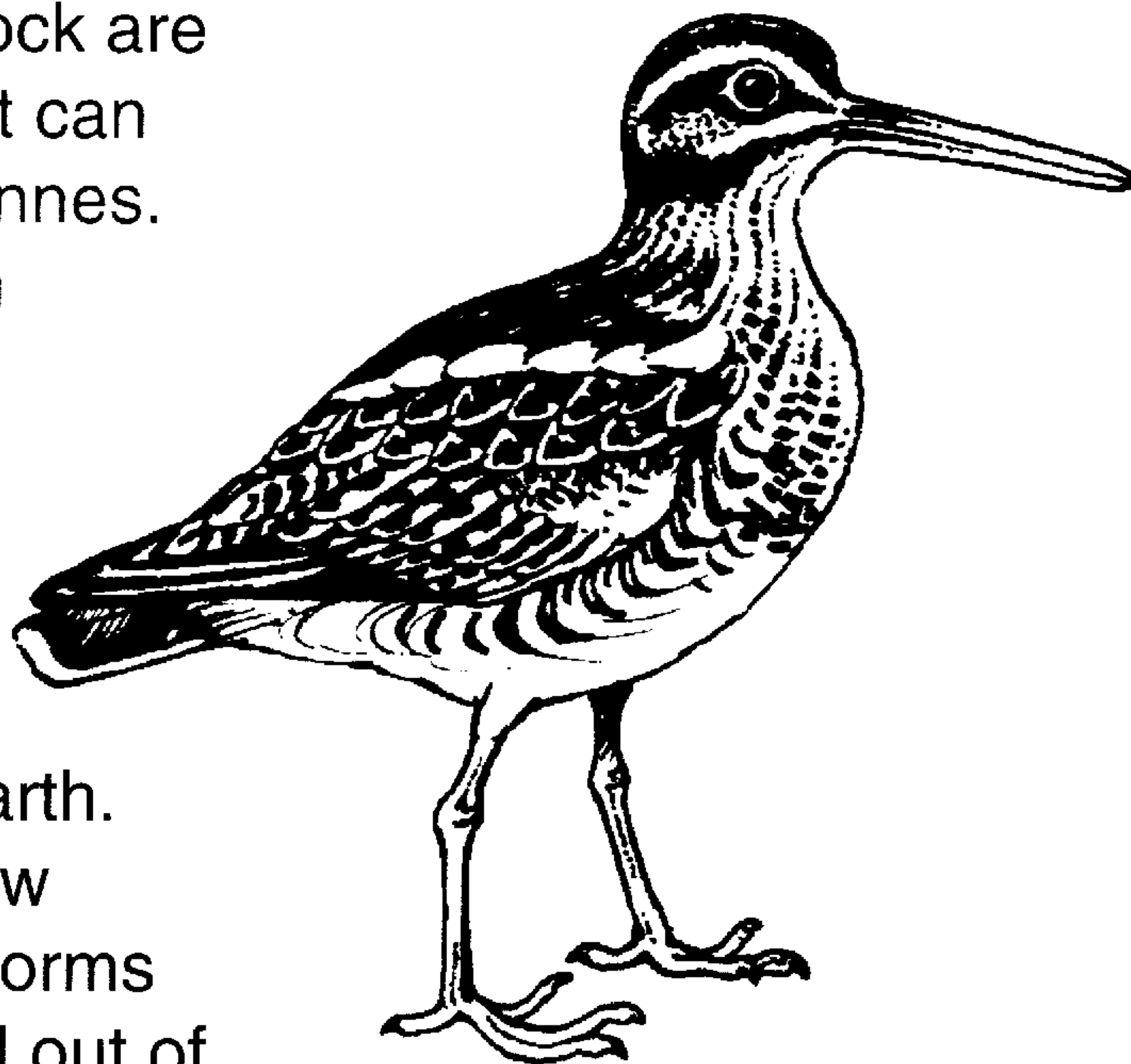
Soon after the frogs lay their eggs they hatch into tadpoles. Tadpoles in the Pannes have to develop into frogs quickly.



*Tadpole*

**Shorebirds**

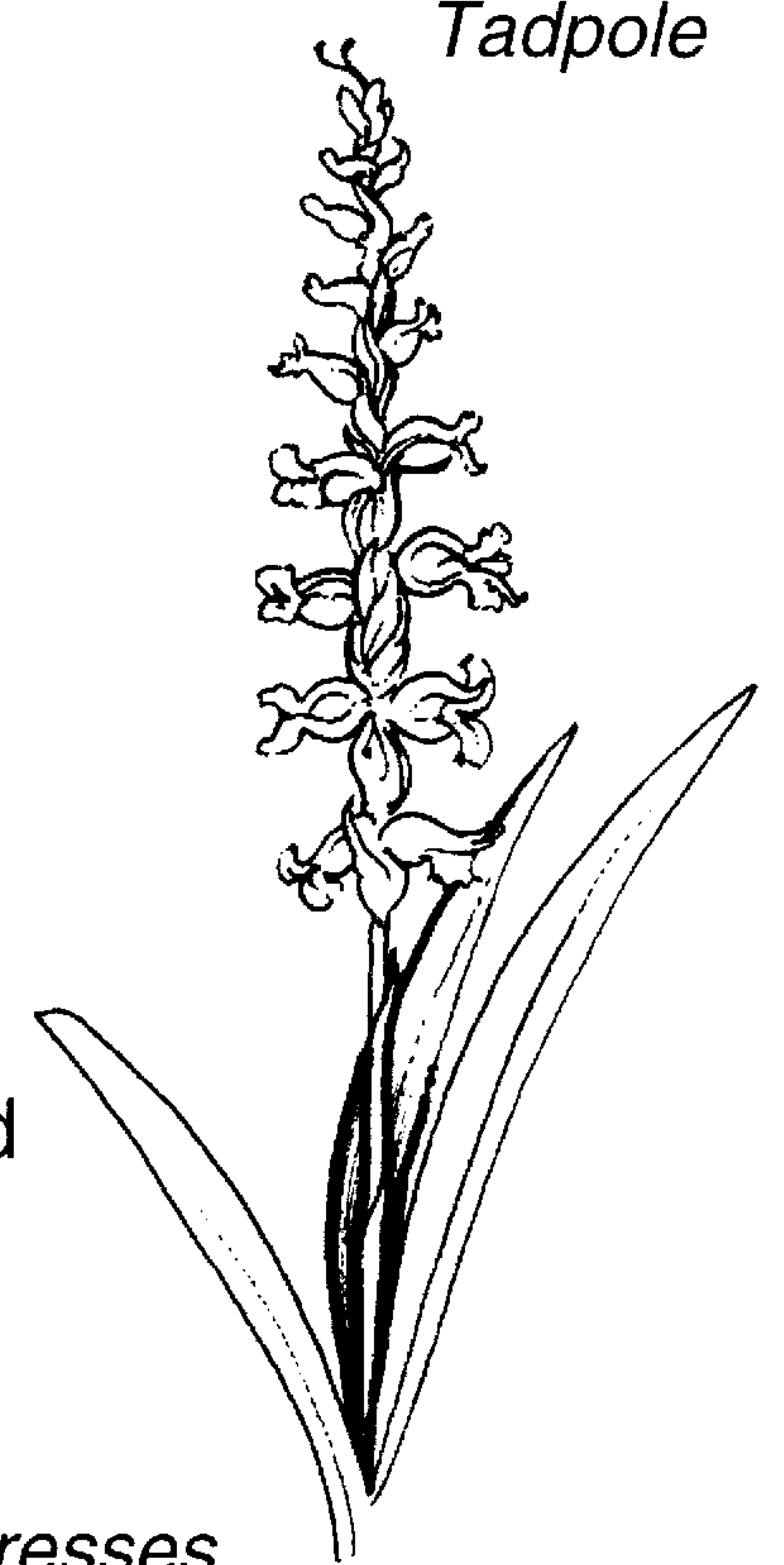
Snipe and Woodcock are two shorebirds that can be found in the Pannes. Both birds have an exciting flight display. In the spring the male circles in the night sky and then plummets to the earth. Their long bills allow them to eat earthworms which they can pull out of the ground.



*Snipe*

**Orchids**

Presqu'ile's moist Pannes are a noted place in Ontario to find orchids and other rare and beautiful wildflowers.



*Ladies'-tresses*

**Level 3** **Plants in your Pannes!**

Ask the staff at the Nature Centre for a guide and checklist of Panne wildflowers.