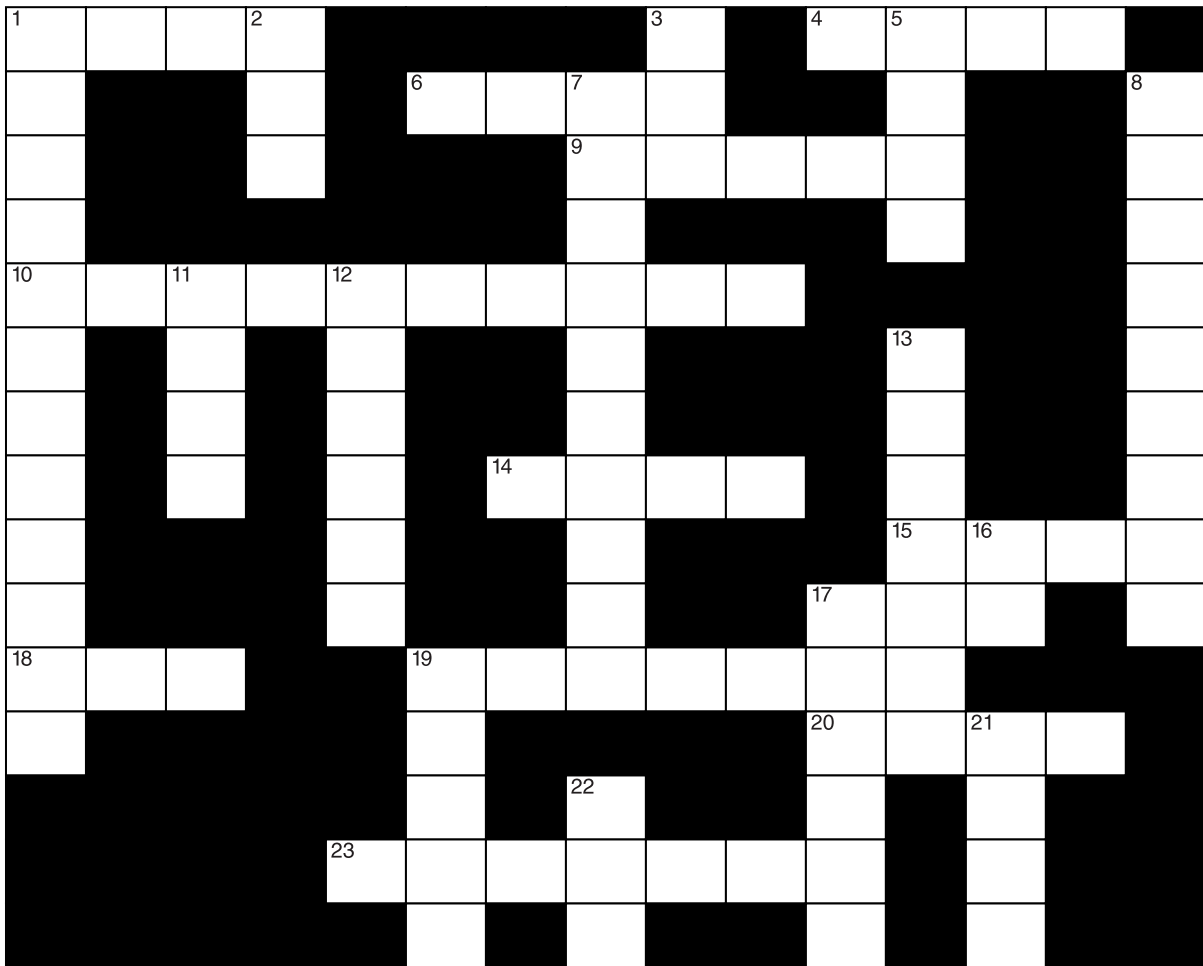


# Delaware Bayshores Crossword Puzzle

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**ANSWERS**  
 ACROSS: 1. crab, 4. clam, 6. Moss, 9. heron, 10. endangered, 14. tide, 15. Rail, 17. gas, 18. oak, 19. muskrat, 20. neck, 23. estuary  
 DOWN: 1. conservation, 2. Bay, 3. use, 5. land, 7. shorebirds, 8. dragonfly, 11. duck, 12. nature, 13. migrate, 16. as, 17. Gandys, 19. marsh, 21. cord, 22. hut

# Delaware Bayshores Crossword Puzzle Clues

## ACROSS

1. The horseshoe \_\_\_\_\_ is over 100 million years old.
4. A resource of the Delaware Bay that can be eaten is the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Sphagnum is a type of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. A Great Blue \_\_\_\_\_ stands four feet tall and has a long yellow beak.
10. An \_\_\_\_\_ species is one which is at risk of going to extinction.
14. A \_\_\_\_\_ can be high, low, neap, or ebb.
15. The bird that hunts between sundown and dawn in mud banks and brackish tidal creeks and goes “tick tick” is the clapper \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Carbon Dioxide is a \_\_\_\_\_ that is a by-product of respiration.
18. The Nature Conservancy’s logo is an \_\_\_\_\_ leaf.
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ has rich brown fur and a long scaly tail and marks its territory with a musky odor.
20. Sometimes called the Stork of the South, the wood ibis has a featherless black head, black-rimmed wings, and a long \_\_\_\_\_.
23. A two-way watercourse where the widening lower reaches of a river system empties and is influenced by tidal waters is called an \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

1. The Nature Conservancy is a non-profit land \_\_\_\_\_ organization with a mission to protect Earth’s biodiversity.
2. Delaware \_\_\_\_\_ beaches are an important resting and feeding stop for migratory shorebirds.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ of salt hay was for filling casket mattresses.
5. Even a small parcel of \_\_\_\_\_ may be an important habitat for a particular species.
7. Horseshoe crab eggs are a food source for hungry migrating \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A \_\_\_\_\_ has double-winged symmetry, intricate coloration, and incredible aerobic skills.
11. The mallard \_\_\_\_\_ is a vegetarian that eats seeds, stems, and leaves of aquatic plants.
12. A \_\_\_\_\_ preserve is a great place to observe wildlife.
13. Some animals \_\_\_\_\_ to find better living conditions when it gets cold in New Jersey.
16. Just \_\_\_\_\_ humans use a straw to drink soda from a can, a hummingbird uses its long slender beak to withdraw nectar from a flower.
17. The Nature Conservancy’s \_\_\_\_\_ Beach Preserve supports a large concentration of migratory shorebirds and is a horseshoe crab spawning site.
19. A wetland characterized by soft, wet, low-lying land and containing herbaceous vegetation is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
21. Salt marsh \_\_\_\_\_ grass is a head-high grass that dominates tide-covered marsh banks.
22. The muskrat lives in a lodge, or \_\_\_\_\_.