

## Expedition Journal

Find a species along the trail and observe it.  
In the space below, draw it and make notes of  
any interesting features or behaviors.

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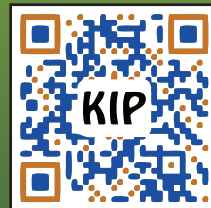


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# Fort Macon Expedition

with Elliott Coues

There is so much to  
explore here. I could really  
use some help!



We can help,  
Dr. Coues!

Elliott Coues was a young Army surgeon stationed at Fort Macon in 1869. He explored the area, making notes on the animals and plants that lived there. His discoveries made him one of the most accomplished naturalists of his time. Today, he needs your help to continue his mission of discovery!

# Reporting for Duty!

Your mission is to assist Dr. Coues by recording the species you find in different habitats along the trail. On your hike, keep your eyes and ears open for signs of animal and plant life.

## The Marsh

This salty, wet habit attracts a wide variety of animal life. The muddy bottoms of the marsh are home to oysters, clams, and other shellfish. Wading birds stalk the waters looking for prey like fish. Dragonflies swoop through the air, feeding on other insects. **Check off these species as you find them.**



☐ Great Blue Heron



☐ Snowy Egret



☐ Dragonfly



☐ Smooth Cordgrass



☐ Clapper Rail



Other species: \_\_\_\_\_



## The Beach

The area where the ocean meets the land is buzzing with animal activity. Birds soar over the water and search the shoreline for food. Fish and other aquatic animals swim in the shallows. Tidal pools capture crabs and clams. **Check off these species as you find them.**

☐ Laughing Gull



☐ Brown Pelican



☐ Mollusk Shells



☐ Osprey



☐ Dolphin



Other species: \_\_\_\_\_



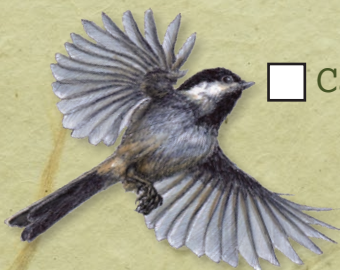
## The Thicket

The tangle of trees and bushes creates wonderful shelter for all kinds of animals. Birds and lizards use the thickets of live oak and wax myrtle to protect themselves from the heat of the sun and the threat of predators. **Check off these species as you find them.**

☐ Live Oak



☐ Carolina Chickadee



☐ Striped Racerunner



☐ Eastern Towhee



☐ Carolina Wren



Other species: \_\_\_\_\_