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Welcome to the Cypress Swamp!

Many plants and animals make their homes in the cypress swamps of the Southeastern United States. Can you spot:

Bald Cypress: These long-lived trees grow large and tall in the swamps, providing shade and shelter to the animals that live there.

Great Egret: These large birds live year-round in the swamps and wade through the water searching for prey.

American Alligator: As top predators in the swamp ecosystem, alligators ambush prey by submerging themselves and waiting to strike.

Red-Bellied Cooter (Turtle): Found throughout the swamp, these herbivorous turtles can often be spotted basking on logs.

Alligator Gar: The diet of these "living fossils" includes fish, birds, and small mammals near the water's surface.

Lily Pads: Known for their beautiful flowers, these aquatic plants are considered invasive outside their natural range in the swamp.