

NOTES ON A MARVELLOUS MARSHLAND - MARAIS RÉAL-D.-CARBONNEAU, OF SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC PROVINCE, CANADA

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Marshlands are marvellous natural resource to mankind since the dawn of civilization, enriched with enormous growth and production of plants and animals for sustenance of lifeforms on earth. The co-existence of plants and animals can be unique and exemplified in wetlands and marshlands to the life science students during educational excursion to these areas, while researchers can have ample opportunities for substantial contribution to the varied subjects concerned. These authors had the occasion to visit this marshland several times together in August – September 2019, while two of us (AG and MN) stayed still close to this marshland, for bird watching (AG) and weekend walk (MN).

This marshland is located at five minutes from downtown Sherbrooke in the lap of nature with more than 50 trees and shrubs species on land and around 50 species of floating, rooted, and submerged macrophytes. The marshland is 2 km in length, covering about 40 hectares in area. It has been well maintained with many facilities that include observation towers, interpretation panels and wooden trails. These allow visitors/ hikers to reach inaccessible locations to discover its flora and fauna in its natural habitats, including many birds, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals. The trails provide access to a 5 km trail, maintained by the Sentiers de l'Estrie to Debonair Park, as well as a residential area leading to the Beauvoir Sanctuary Road. (<https://www.maraiscarbonneau.com> ; <https://www.easterntownships.org> › hiking › sherbrook...; <https://www.bonjourquebec.com> › regional-parks › mar...; <https://www.bonjourquebec.com> › m...; <https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk> › Attraction_Review-g1550...; <https://quebecpanorama.com> › pano › view › marais-re...Website References)

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Wooden trail (Fig. 1)



Information display (Fig. 2)



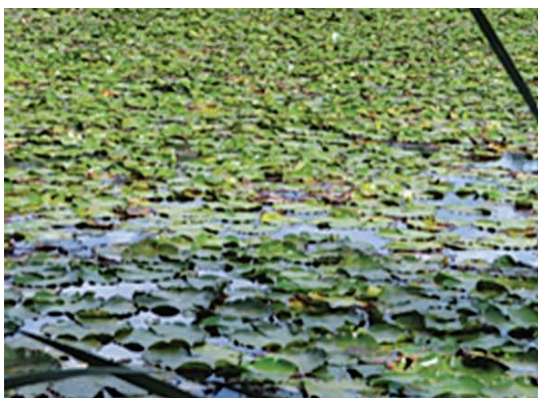
Tower (Fig. 3)



Marshland vegetation (Fig. 4)



Marshland vegetation (Fig. 5)



Busking Turtle on weeds (Fig. 6)

