

## *Brackish Marsh*

Marshes with water salinities between 10 and 20 parts per thousand are classified as brackish. The dominant grass is saltmeadow cordgrass, although smooth cordgrass can be found as well. Shrubs such as the marsh elder are also common in brackish marshes. Animals found in a brackish marsh include the brown pelican, whooping crane, ibis, diamondback terrapin turtle, speckled trout, fiddler crabs, and rangia clam.

Brackish marshes typically have a wider variety of species than a salt marsh, but less than a freshwater marsh. Like other marshes, brackish marshes are threatened by development and invasive species.