



Botany Bay-Hammock Islands



Join us for a virtual trip to Botany Bay's hammock islands.

[Botany Bay Virtual Field Trip: Hammock Islands - YouTube](#)

Think

Answer the multiple-choice questions below.

What is a hammock island?

- a) A higher area where a forest grows surrounded by salt marsh
- b) An island in the middle of the ocean
- c) A grassy clearing in a forest
- d) A place where the river meets the sea

Which animals depend on hammock islands?

- a) An oyster
- b) A frog
- c) A fish
- d) A fiddler crab

Why are hammock islands important? (select all that apply)

- a) They provide shelter for migrating birds moving through the salt marsh.
- b) They provide freshwater to plants and animals in the salt marsh.
- c) They provide space to build houses

Discuss: What would happen if we developed houses on our hammock islands?

Dig Deeper

Here are some more resources to learn about hammock islands:

https://dc.statelibrary.sc.gov/bitstream/handle/10827/11160/DNR_An_Ecological_Characterization_Coastal_2004-12.pdf?sequence=1

This article is new research on Native American oyster shell rings on islands in the southeast, one of them on Botany Bay:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q7l6aOCCTHzyHeGMx97rhLAn319RcUZf/view?usp=sharing>