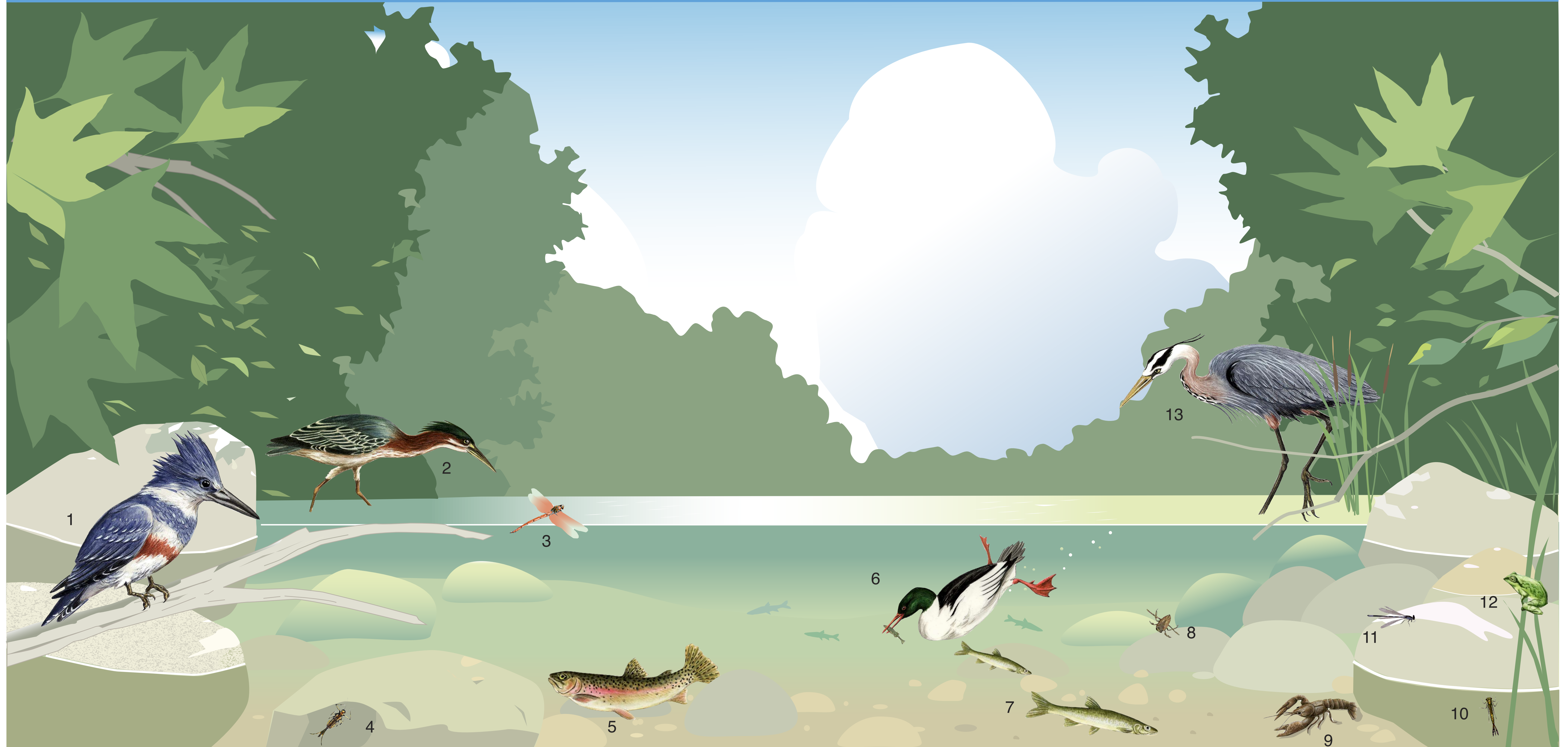


Alameda Creek



Without water there would be no life on the planet. Water comprises almost 70% of your body tissue, scours away boulders, carves great canyons, carries nutrients and sediments, and yet sparkles in the sun. Alameda Creek is the largest moving waterway in Alameda County. Originating from the slopes of Mt. Hamilton, the creek flows over forty miles and drains 720 square miles of watershed.

Along its journey, this life-sustaining water supports a rich environment of stream-side plant and animal life. By capturing the sun's energy, stream-side plants form the basis for a complex food web. A variety of insects and fly larvae in the creek feed on stream-side plants before becoming food themselves for frogs, fish, and insect-catching birds.

1. Kingfisher 2. Green-backed Heron 3. Dragonfly 4. Mayfly Nymph 5. Rainbow Trout 6. Common Merganser 7. Sacramento Squawfish 8. Water Boatman 9. Crawfish 10. Damselfly Nymph 11. Damselfly 12. Tree Frog 13. Great Blue Heron