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I was wondering if folks use the different wetland terrains that have been created in there maps. The wetlands terrain (as I know it) is usually the one of the following:

* Marsh
* Swamp
* Bog
* Bog, Mud
* Fens

I am also curious to see how folks define them, what makes them special (plants, animals, hazards).  
  
I'm at a point I want to re-evaluate some of the hex art I've made over the year and was just thinking it might be easier to trim a couple out to make maps more easily read.

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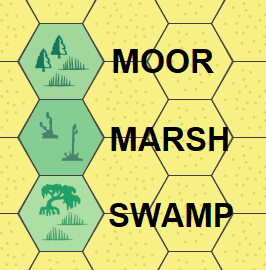
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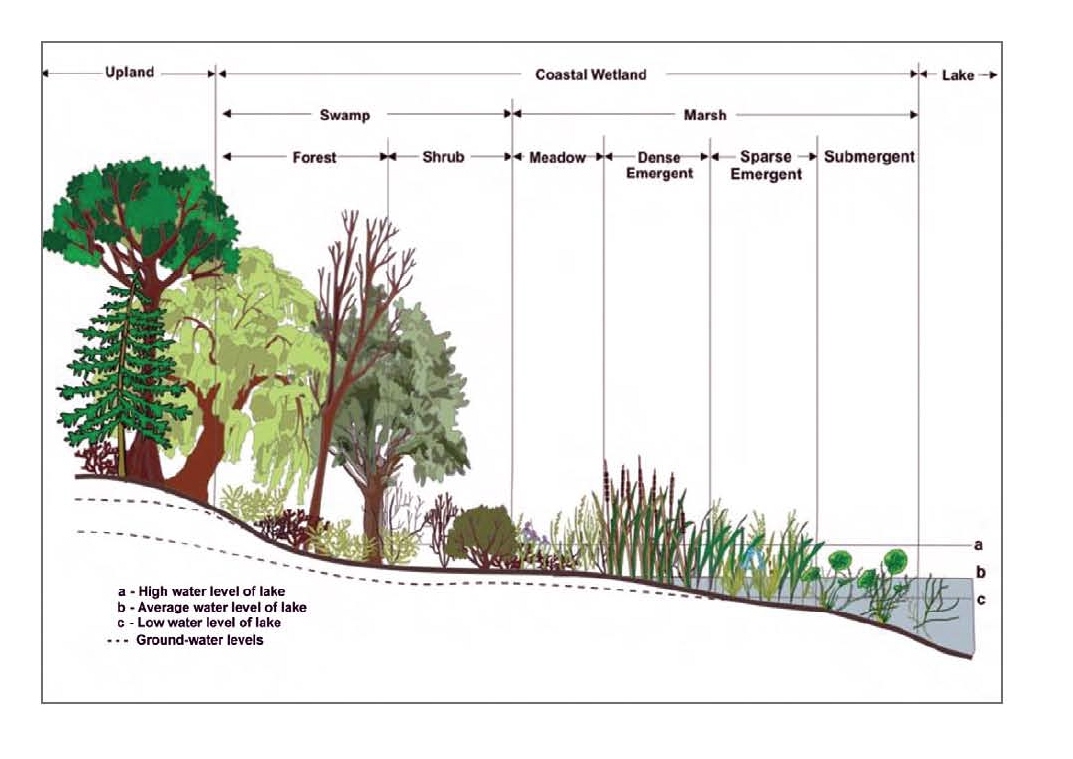
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I've found this quite helpful as well:  
  


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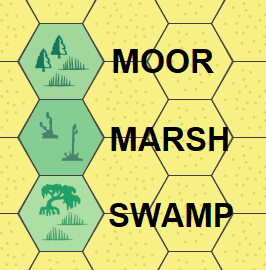
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