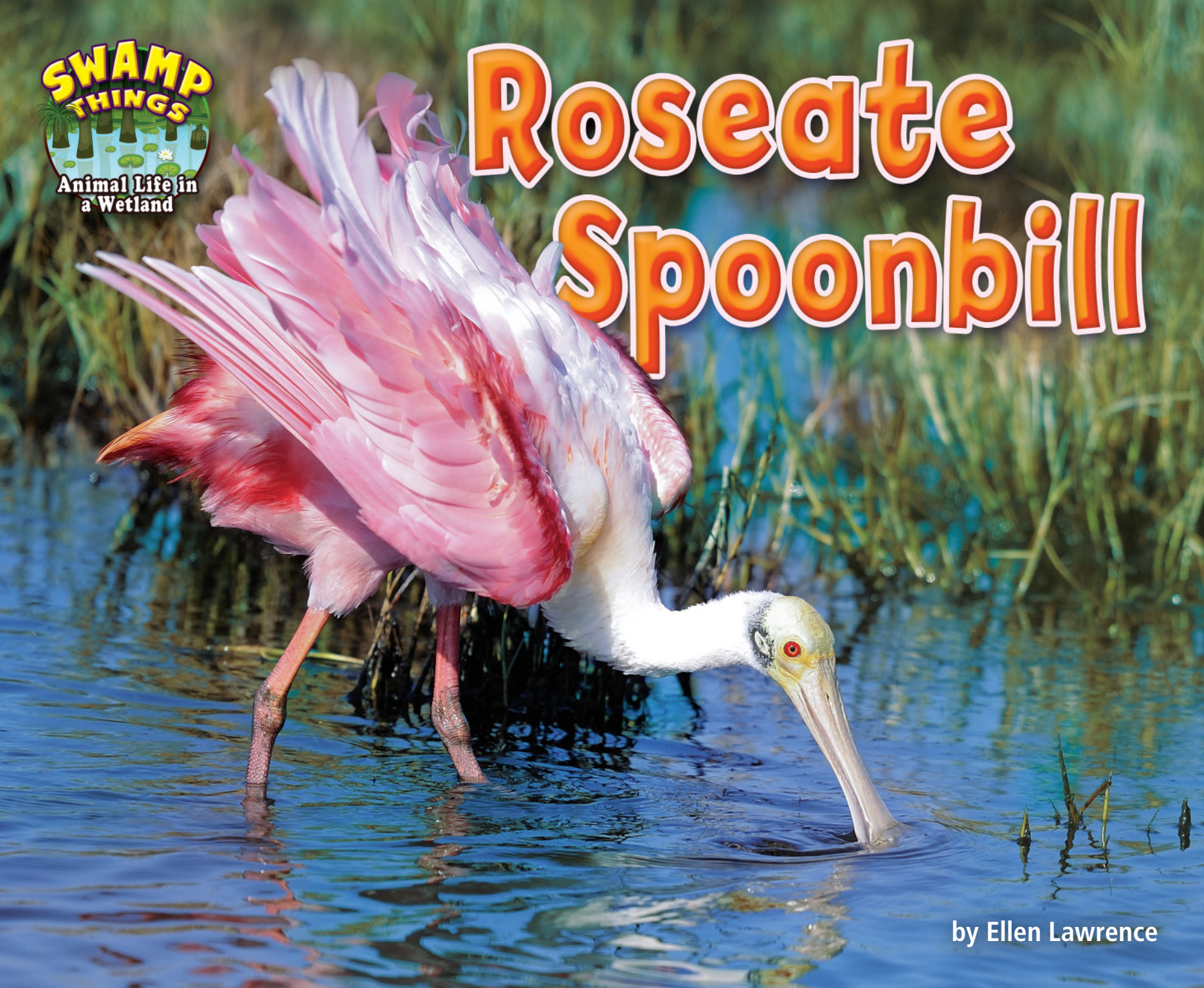




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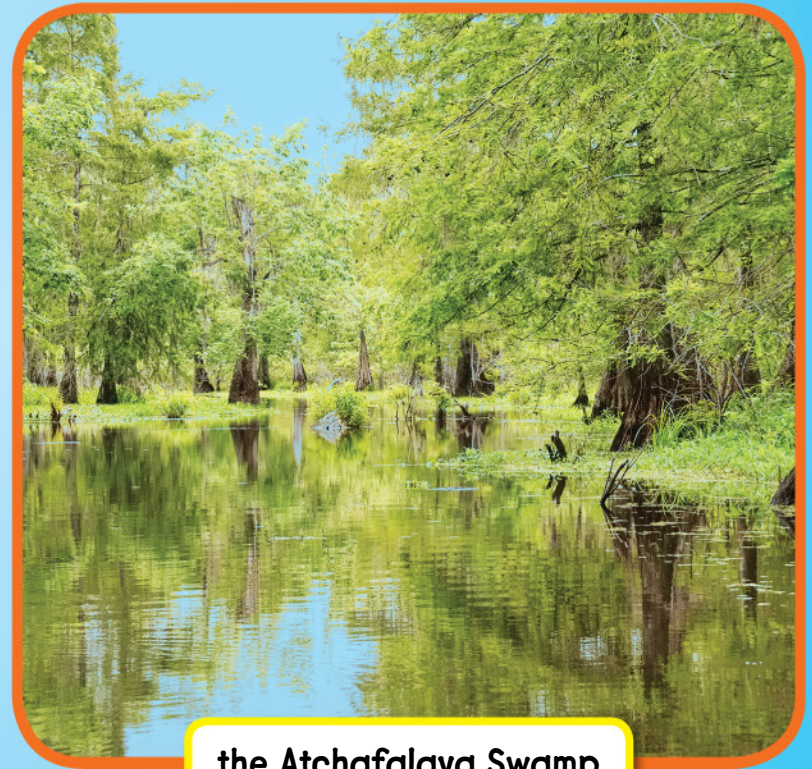
# Morning in the Swamp

It's early morning in the Atchafalaya (uh-chaf-uh-LYE-uh) **Swamp**.

The sun shines through the tall trees onto a **shallow** lake.

A large bird with white, pink, and red feathers is walking slowly through the water.

The bird is a roseate spoonbill, and the swamp is its home.



the Atchafalaya Swamp



Roseate spoonbills are **wading** birds. Their long legs help them move, or wade, through water.

roseate spoonbill





# A Roseate Spoonbill's World

Roseate spoonbills live in North and South America.

They often make their homes in swampy areas like the Atchafalaya.


A swamp is a type of **wetland**.

In swamps, much of the land is covered with shallow water.

Trees and bushes grow from the water-covered land.





A photograph of a roseate spoonbill standing in a marsh. The bird has a long, flat, spoon-shaped bill that is light-colored with a red tip. Its body is covered in feathers that are a mix of light pink and white, with a prominent band of bright red feathers on its wings. It has long, thin red legs. The bird is standing in shallow water, surrounded by lush green marsh plants with large, pointed leaves. The background is filled with more greenery.

Roseate spoonbills  
also live in marshes,  
which are another kind of  
wetland. Grasses and other  
low-growing plants are  
found in marshes.

a roseate spoonbill  
in a marsh

How do you think the roseate  
spoonbill got its name?