

## Seagrass Facts



- Seagrasses are flowering plants that live underwater in shallow coastal areas with roots that anchor to the seabed. They use sunlight to grow.
- Seagrass beds are an important habitat for a variety of animals. Some animals, such as seahorses, spend their entire lives in seagrass beds.
- Seagrass beds are often referred to as nursery areas because many marine species spend time in seagrass beds when they are young.
- Seagrass beds are an important food source for manatees and green sea turtles.
- There are seven species of seagrasses that can be found in Florida waters. Two common species are manatee grass (*Syringodium filiforme*) and turtle grass (*Thalassia testudinum*).

## Seagrass Coloring Sheet

