

STREAMS OF LIFE



A sweet-smelling tree, white alder attracts forest birds with seeds that ripen within its small cones.



The red-shouldered hawk eats nearly anything it can catch including birds, frogs, lizards and rodents - even an occasional crayfish.



Vivid markings warn predators that the tiger salamander is toxic to eat.



The dipper is the only bird that walks underwater. In rushing currents it flaps its wings to move from rock to rock in search of food.



Trout feed on an abundant supply of aquatic insects.



Their thick, waterproof fur coats provide warmth as river otters glide through the water after favorite foods - fish, frogs, and turtles.



An abundance of plants and animals flourishes along California's streams. Whether meandering slowly through a meadow, or splashing through a rocky gorge, flowing water provides the

common element that helps to create these rich and complex habitats. Streams provide homes and food for a great variety of species. Try sitting quietly beside a stream to enjoy

the sights and sounds of this fascinating waterfront community.

