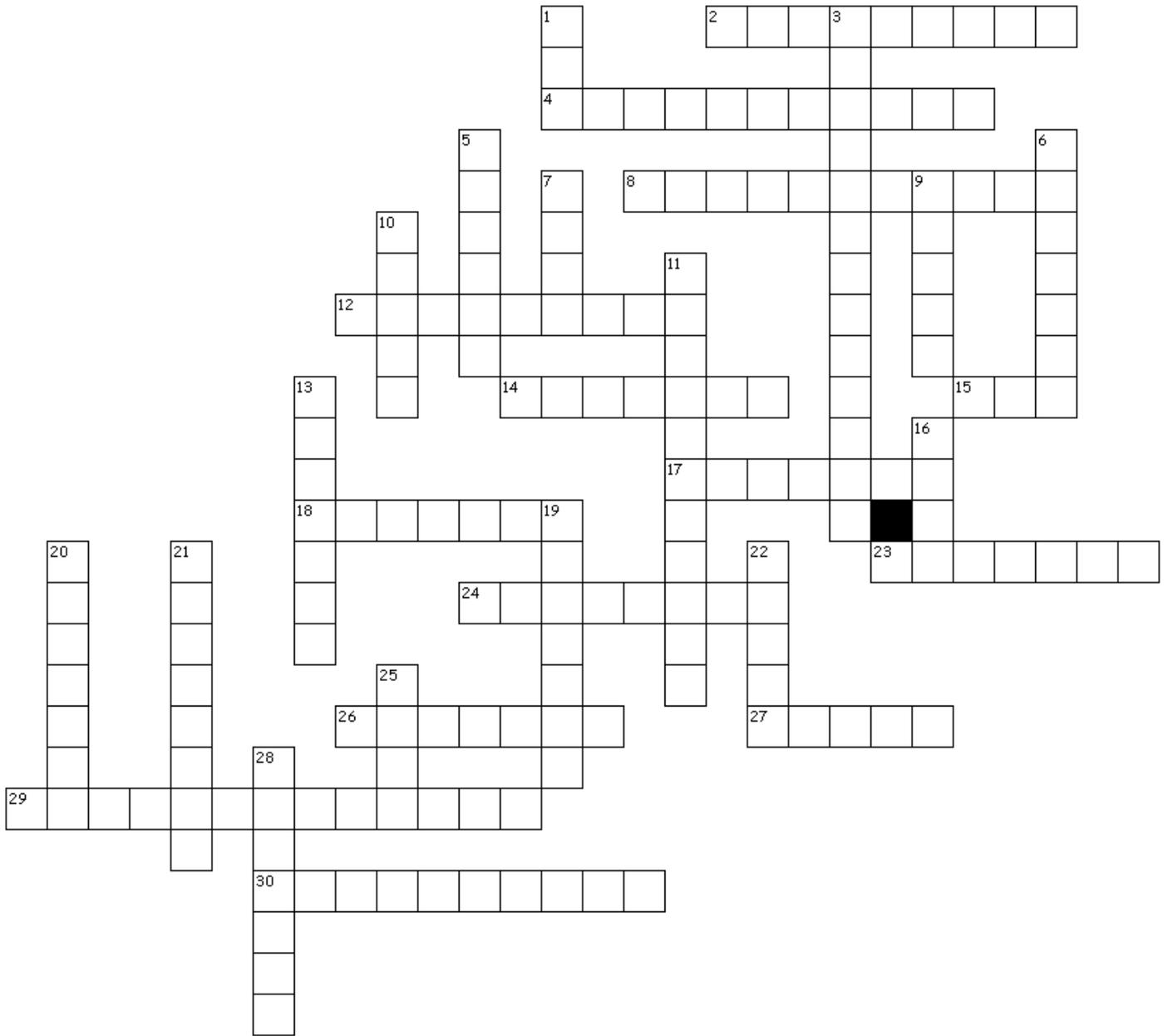


Prairies and Wetlands



Across

2. Birds that live on the water
4. The movement of water through the layers of soil
8. The provision of the farm bill that protects wetlands
12. The large reptile that is NOT found in American wetlands
14. An ecosystem dominated by grasses
15. A cold climate wetland
17. A tall-grass prairie that has scattered trees and a warm climate
18. Nitrogen fixing plants that are abundant on the prairie
23. The general weather over the course of a year
24. The mix of salt and fresh water found in a coastal wetland
26. An area that is covered at least seasonally with water
27. The salt water source for wetlands
29. Once living plants and animals that have broken down over thousands of years
30. The lay of the land (rise and fall and shape)

Down

1. A federal program passed to reestablish prairies and prevent erosion on marginal cropland
3. The only time prairie plants need artificial watering is during the _____ phase
5. The mat of dead plant material that builds up around the base of grasses
6. Cutting back the plants to regenerate growth
7. The type of prairie that has little OM and is excessively drained
9. A wooded wetland
10. A grassy wetland
11. Land based
13. The study of the relationship between plants and animals and their environment
16. The type prairie that can be classified as mesic, wet, dry, hill, or savanna
19. physically supporting a plant while it takes hold
20. An underground stream or pool of water
21. Adding material to the top of the soil around plants to retain moisture and prevent weeds
22. The type of prairie that has light rainfall and strong winds.
25. The organic matter mined from bogs
28. A transitional zone between two ecosystems