LONG LOST WETL

These pictures show changes along the river over time. Can you put the pictures in order? Use the images and words for clues. Write the correct date in each box.

1500s 1700s 1900-1940s 1950-1990s early 2000s

Tucson grew into a larger city. People drilled many deep wells. Over time, the water table fell 200 feet in some areas. Riparian and wetland areas almost all disappeared. The beautiful river became a dry, barren channel. Many plants and animals were lost.

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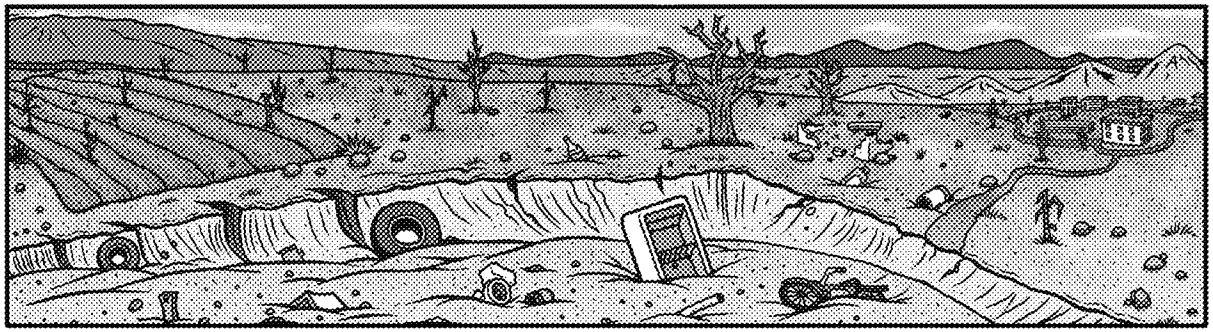

Long ago, the Santa Cruz River flowed year-round in our area. The water table was close to the surface. Beautiful riparian and wetland habitats were found along the river. Many birds and other animals lived in these lush habitats.

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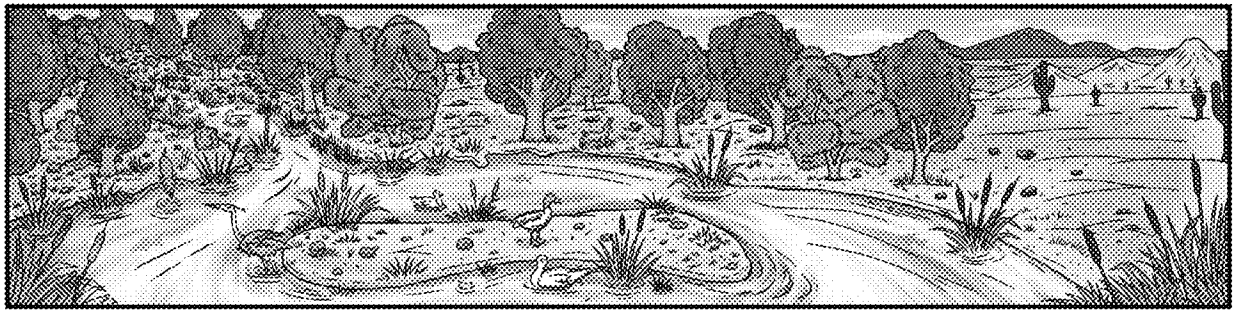

Riparian - on the land just beside a river, stream, or wash.
Wetland - land that is covered with water for at least part of the year: only plants adapted to very wet soils can live in wetlands.
Water table - the highest level of groundwater.