

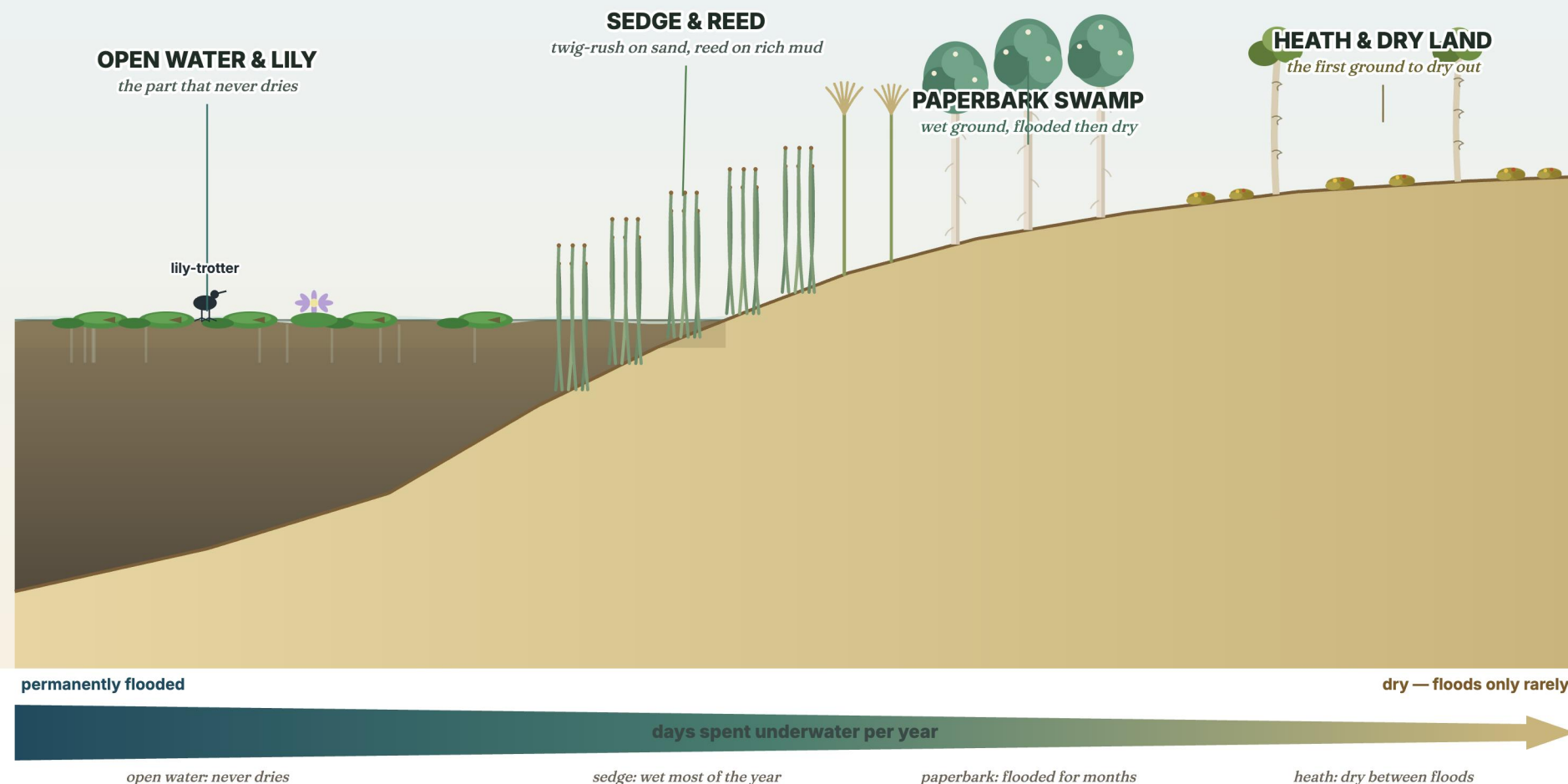
FIG 10.1

Wetland zonation

One freshwater swamp, sorted into bands by how long each spot stays underwater.

← open water

dry land →



Read the swamp the way you read the shore: open lily-water, sedge, paperbark, then heath — each band a slightly shorter drink than the last, the whole slope a tide-gauge of how many days a year the ground spends underwater.

Schematic freshwater cross-section (a wallum everglade); heights, spacing and hydroperiod not to scale.