



Online Wildlife Projects

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9-12 Age Projects

- Animal Appetites
- Beavers: Ecosystem Engineers
- Bird Furniture
- Earthworm Composting
- Fishing Bait
- Leaping Lizards
- Nature's Footprints
- Nest Structures for Mourning Doves
- Pools of Life
- Southeastern Serpents
- Tools for Archers
- Turtle Tales

13-15 Age Projects

- Butterfly Buffet
- Estuaries: Nature's Water Filters
- Farming for Wildlife
- Houses for Wood Ducks
- Hunting and Fishing Sportsmanship
- Pond Management: Good Fishing in the Balance
- Sharing Space with Wildlife
- Monitoring Macroinvertebrates
- Talking Turkey
- Urban Wildlife: Our Animal Neighbors
- Wild Game: From Field to Table
- Would You Like to be a Wildlife Professional?

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These projects are based on 51 original Southern Region Wildlife Projects that were created in the 1970s by the USDA and the National 4-H Council.

In 1999, a grant was received from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and with additional funding from the Renewal Resources Extension Act, North Carolina State University's Department of 4-H and Youth Development teamed up with natural resource professionals to revise 24 of the original 51 projects.

The wildlife projects use inquiry-based learning strategies to develop important life skills including critical thinking, wise use of resources, and communication. Other objectives include:

- Help youth understand how our wildlife species fit together in a natural environment.
- Increase knowledge of how wildlife can be managed.
- Gain appreciation of intrinsic, environmental, and economic value of wildlife resources.
- Raise insight regarding wildlife-human interactions.

The projects are divided into two age groups; 9-12 and 13-15. Though they were originally created and marketed to 4-H volunteer leaders, agents, and youth, their use is for any educator, parent, or youth that is interested in learning and teaching about wildlife.

These projects are a great beginning point for project record books and presentations in the Forestry and Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, or any other environmental category.