WEBSITES

Nebraska Game and Parks, Wildlife Education • OutdoorNebraska.gov/WildlifeEducation
Your first stop for information, lesson plans, videos, webinars, and resources. Learn all about what Nebraska Game and Parks has to offer.

Project BEAK • ProjectBEAK.org
Interactive website devoted to all things birds including Nebraska-specific information, games, quizzes, & videos, and educator resources including lesson plans.

Nebraska Bird Library • NebraskaBirdLibrary.org
Easy-to-read information about Nebraska's 450+ bird species. Searchable by bird size, colors and location. Each species profile includes habitat, natural history and range information.

Nebraska Endangered Species • OutdoorNebraska.org/EndangeredSpecies
Learn about Nebraska's 29 Threatened and Endangered species with easy-to-read information, range maps and photos.

Nebraska Bird Month • NebraskaBirdMonth.org
Taking place throughout the month of May, this annual celebration of birds features events, community science projects and a chance to get outside.

Nebraska Pollinator Week • NebraskaPollinatorWeek.org
Celebrated annually the third week of June, Pollinator Week provides opportunities to learn about pollinators and pollination and participate in conservation efforts and community science.

Careers in Conservation • OutdoorNebraska.org/CareersInConservation
Learn about all the unique jobs needed to research, conserve and educate about Nebraska's natural resources and wildlife.

Outdoor Event Trailer • OutdoorNebraska.gov/OutdoorTrailers
Planning an event? A school festival? A conservation banquet? Check out this free trailer filled with outdoor recreation and education activities. Also includes tables, chairs, and tents.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE EDUCATION

NEBRASKA GAME PARKS

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

This interdisciplinary program invites classrooms to explore aquatic ecosystems, life cycles, water quality and the scientific process through raising trout. Participating schools are provided with 200+ rainbow trout eggs. Students take ownership of their learning through water quality testing, feeding, and monitoring growth. As the program progresses, students see connections between their trout, water resources and themselves.

Funding provided by the Nebraska Environmental Trust and Nebraska Trout Unlimited, Chapter 710.

For more information, visit OutdoorNebraska.org/TroutInTheClassroom

EDUCATIONAL BIRD BANDING STATIONS

Bird banding is a process in which birds are carefully captured in nets and fitted with a light-weight leg band featuring a unique number before being released. Data about each bird is entered in a national database to help researchers learn about bird migrations and populations. In partnership with the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, Nebraska is home to two educational bird banding stations - Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area and Chadron State Park. These two long-running stations provide not only scientific data, but also opportunities for students and the public to learn and see birds up-close.

Bird banding stations operate annually from late August to early October. Each station offers field trip opportunities for elementary-high school students as well as weekend public events.

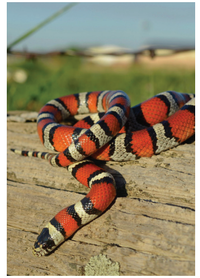
For more information, please visit OutdoorNebraska.org/BirdBanding

PROJECT WILD, AQUATIC WILD, GROWING UP WILD

Project WILD provides interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education curriculum and materials that focus on wildlife and conservation for all educators – formal and non-formal, pre-K through high school.

Nebraska's Project WILD Program offers educator workshops including: Project WILD, Aquatic WILD, Growing Up WILD and Flying WILD. Additionally, advanced workshops are offered on a variety of topics including bats, pollinators, insects, birds, linking literature & science, and outdoor classrooms.

Visit OutdoorNebraska.org/ProjectWild to register for an upcoming workshop.



RESOURCES, LESSON PLANS, VIDEOS

Depending on what topic you are teaching, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's Fish and Wildlife Education Team has lesson plans, PowerPoints and videos readily available free for your use. Topics include birds, pollinators, prairies, soils & worms, Threatened & Endangered species, and just-for-fun activities.

Webinars are a great way to learn background information and gain an in-depth knowledge of diverse topics. Join a webinar live or view a pre-recorded video at a later date. A current list of webinars can be found on the Commission's outdoor calendar - Calendar.OutdoorNebraska.gov.

For lesson plans and PowerPoints, please visit OutdoorNebraska.org/LessonPlans
For videos and pre-recorded webinars, please visit OutdoorNebraska.org/OnlineEducation

COMMUNITY SCIENCE

Community science is a term used for programs that invite people to participate in scientific research. Community science provides opportunities to get outside, learn about local natural resources and contribute to science.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission offers a variety of community science projects perfect for engaging diverse audiences. From observing butterflies in the field to reviewing camera trap photos from your home or school, participating in Nebraska community science has never been easier.

For more information, please visit OutdoorNebraska.org/CommunityScience

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media can prevent people from enjoying the outdoors and learning about nature. But, social media can also be a great way to learn about new outdoor opportunities and grow knowledge about natural resources, wildlife and nature. Join Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's Fish and Wildlife Education Team on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube as we use Social Media to light the spark of learning.

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TRUNKS AND KITS

Mammals of Nebraska Trunk
Focusing on mammals found in Nebraska, this trunk features skulls, furs, track & scat replicas, children's books, and curriculum. All ages.

Birds of Nebraska Trunk
Filled with feathers, feet, skulls, bird call Identiflyer™, field guides, children's books and videos... Perfect for teaching about birds. All ages.

Prairie Trunk
Interested in exploring prairies? Filled with skulls, furs, feathers, puppets, books, and field guides focusing on Nebraska's prairies. All ages.

Insect Investigations Kit
Come check out this kit to explore the insect world! Kit includes puppets, life cycle models, literature books and field guides and field collecting tools. Geared for early childhood programs.

Basic Binocular Kit
These kits are designed to discover Nebraska birds. Kit contains 20 binoculars, field guides, bird activity guide. All ages.

Life Cycles Kit
Designed to compliment state science standards, this kit is perfect for teaching about multiple life cycles - insect, amphibian, plant, bird. Kit includes models, books, posters and an activity binder. PreK-2nd grade.

Bioblitz Trunk
A bioblitz is a survey of all the living things at one location. This trunk has everything needed to host a bioblitz at your site: binoculars, insect nets, hand lenses, and field guides and a binder of instructions and lessons. 5th - 12th grade.

Aquatic Ecology
Explore the world of water, wetlands and aquatic creatures. This trunk has the resources you need to find aquatic insects (macroinvertebrates), conduct a bioassessment and learn about Nebraska's aquatic resources. 5th - 12th grade.

CHECK-OUT A TRUNK TODAY! Contact the nearest location to reserve an education trunk.

Trunks are FREE to check-out & available for 2-week periods. You are responsible for pick-up and return.

Trunk Location		Mammal	Bird	Prairie	Insect	Binocular	Life Cycle	Bioblitz	Aquatic Ecology
Bassett	(402)684-2921	X	X			X			X
Beatrice	(402) 228-0269					X			
Chadron	(308) 432-6183	X	X			X			
Gretna (Schramm Ed Center)	(402) 332-3901								X
Kearney	(308) 865-5310	X	X			X	X		X
Lincoln	(402) 471-5456	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Platte	(308) 535-8025	X	X			X			
Norfolk	(402) 370-3374	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Omaha	(402) 595-2144	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Scottsbluff	(308) 633-1013	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Valentine	(402) 376-2793					X			