

What is Project WILD?

Project **WILD**
Florida



Project WILD is... Professional Development

Project WILD materials are provided to Florida's educators through interactive workshops conducted by trained staff and volunteer facilitators of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Participants gain valuable experience and develop confidence with Project WILD through hands-on practice with various teaching strategies, curriculum integration approaches and enhanced content knowledge. Educators can receive professional development credit or CEU's from their school district or professional organization.



"The workshop provided information to help teachers empower students towards being proactive citizens in our community and environment."
-Lauren Frantzis

Project WILD is... Volunteerism

Florida's Project WILD facilitators are volunteers for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Many facilitators are professional employees of institutions (nature centers, museums, aquariums, universities, parks, zoos, etc.) that already provide professional development opportunities to educators as a regular part of their job. Other facilitators include enthusiastic classroom teachers, dedicated retired persons and others who conduct workshops in their spare time out of a desire to educate and share their expertise with others.

Project WILD is... Everywhere

Educators utilize Project WILD in classrooms across the nation, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Teachers in communities with Spanish-speaking students teach about wildlife with Proyecto WILD, a collection of activities translated into Spanish from both Project WILD K-12 Guides. The program is also available internationally.

Project WILD is... Educating Everyone

Project WILD provides educators with the tools, training and resources needed to engage students in active, hands-on learning about wildlife. The program focuses on developing students' critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills through the use of cross-curricular lessons. Lessons are designed to address diverse teaching and learning styles. Activities can be utilized in a variety of educational settings, including the traditional classroom, outdoor classroom, home school, science or nature center, zoo, museum or scout group.

Join our growing network!

Educators - Take advantage of your students' natural curiosity and interest in wildlife and the environment! To acquire more information about Project WILD workshops or become a volunteer facilitator; connect with Florida's Project WILD Coordinator through our website or contact the office listed below.

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Florida Youth Conservation
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Conserving Wildlife Through Education

Project WILD is...

Quality Curriculum Materials

Project WILD's award-winning curricula receive frequent praise by professional educators, wildlife biologists, parents and students. Educators give Project WILD the highest ratings for educational value, level of fun, overall quality, capacity for modification, ease of use and ability to connect to the curriculum. Activities are correlated to national science, social studies, and environmental education standards. Each activity provides clear objectives, background information, easy-to-follow procedures, assessment methods, key vocabulary and recommendations for activity duration, setting and group size. Appendices enable quick cross references of activities by concept, topic, grade level and skills. These materials are endorsed by the National Council for Social Studies, are consistent with recommendations of the National Science Teachers Association, and are referenced in the North American Association for Environmental Education's Guidelines for Excellence in Environmental Education.



Activities are organized around a conceptual framework with major themes connected to wildlife and habitat, including:

- Habitats, ecosystems and niches
- Interdependence
- Changes and adaptations
- Biodiversity
- Human dimensions and wildlife
- Wildlife issues and trends
- Wildlife management and conservation
- Responsible action and service

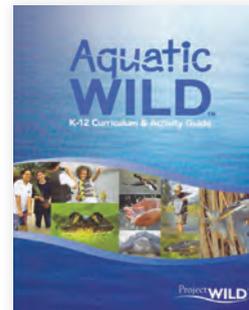
Project WILD *K-12 Curriculum and Activity Guide*

Project WILD features interdisciplinary activities related to wildlife and habitats. Activities are designed to address specific grade levels and educational objectives. Ongoing updates to Project WILD materials build upon developments in wildlife conservation needs as well as advances in instructional methodology in PreK through 12th grade education.



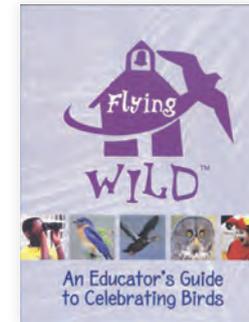
Aquatic WILD *K-12 Curriculum and Activity Guide*

New to the 2013 expansion of Aquatic WILD is a greater emphasis on Field Investigations — evidence-based studies that bring the scientific process out of the laboratory and into the natural world. Other new extensions include "In Step with STEM" which involves students in technology and engineering applications, and "WILD Work" career components to connect to real occupations in the fields of wildlife management and conservation.



Flying WILD: *An Educator's Guide to Celebrating Birds*

Flying WILD offers practical hands-on classroom and outdoor field investigations connecting real-world experiences in bird biology, conservation and natural history. While targeted at middle school students, this widely adaptable guide encourages students to get involved in activities that promote environmental learning and stewardship through service learning.



Growing Up WILD: *Exploring Nature with Young Children*

Growing Up WILD helps educators connect young children (ages 3-7) to nature and the outdoors. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, Growing Up WILD provides an early foundation for developing positive impressions about the natural world and builds on children's sense of wonder.



"Its interdisciplinary approach to environmental education is the key to WILD's success."

—Audrey Swindal

Project WILD Outstanding Facilitator of the Year (2012-2013)



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