

Nature Education Program Offerings

HeronWatch Nature Programs

Overview of Programs

Program Name	Grd	I/O	Time	Details
Nature Awareness	4-A	O(I)	60+	Sit Spot, Senses, Journal/Sketch. Explore, Track
Life Along Sidewalk	2-4	O(I)	60+	School/Home /Park area, botany, insects
Life in a Log	2-4	I(O)	60+	Decomposition, Change, Recycle/growth, log samples
Life Under a Rock	2-4	O(I)	60+	Life found under rock, Life everywhere
Basic Tracks & Sign	2-A	I(O)	60+	Track Stamps, Plaster Molds, draw, measure (track outside)
Skull Study	2-A	I	60+	Models, use key, feeders, teeth, anatomy, adaptations
Owls	2-A	I	60+	Life History, Adaptations, ID/Calls, Pellets
Birds/Bird Watching	2-A	I/O	60+	Basics, Identifying, & Much More! Tell me what you want!
Adaptations	3-A	I	60+	Of wildlife/birds (plants)
Wetlands	4-A	I(O)	60+	Characteristics, Benefits, Plants/Wildlife Adaptations, Cattails, Beavers
Intro Frogs & Toads	2-A	I	60+	Basics about frogs/toads; Identifying them by calls
Indiana Natural History	2-A	I	60+	Can present program general program on Indiana fauna. Shaping of Indiana/regions, wildlife present/past. Changes.
Citizen Science	Adult	I(O)	60+	NestWatch, FeederWatch, GBBC, E-bird, Personal projects
Nature Photography	All	I/O	60+	
Gene Stratton-Porter	4-5	I	60+	Information of GSP's life, Limberlost, writings. Could incorporate wetland basics also
Saunters	All	O	60+	I can lead Nature Walks/Bird Walks, etc.

(A= Adult); Most programs can be done as an outside component if location is available; Most need a minimum of 60 minutes to complete; Most programs can be adapted to any age from age 5 – adult).

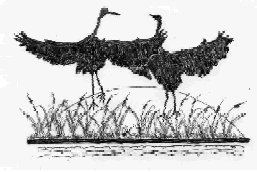
- I can “customize” a program to your needs
- For younger children—length of programs can be shortened.
- Most programs have Indiana state standards addressed. Be sure and request a copy if needed.
- Literature Activity available for most
- Adults: Programs great for organization meetings/outings, groups, family gatherings, etc.

Skills: Most programs incorporate the skills of comparing/contrasting, predicting, inferring, cause & effect, observing, inquiry.

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Nature Awareness	4-A	Connecting to Nature through spending time at your special Sit Spot, Using your Senses, Journaling/Sketching, Exploring, Tracking. Allowing Nature to come to you! Expressing/sharing experiences.
HABITAT SERIES		
Life Along Sidewalk	2-4	Exploring flora/fauna along a sidewalk/paved area. School/Home/Park area, botany, insects. Magnifiers
Life in a Log	2-A	Exploring the life cycle of a decomposing log= Decomposition, Change, Recycle, Cycles, log samples. Using magnifiers.
Life Under a Rock	2-4	Exploring the flora/fauna under & around a rock. Using magnifiers.
Basic Tracks & Sign	2-A	Participants will learn about identifying basic wildlife tracks. Using either Track Stamps, Plaster Molds, &/or drawing participants will create tracks. Will involve measurement. (Possibly track outside)
Skull Study	2-A	Participants will learn the characteristics of feeders. Using Models, & illustrations &/or ID Keys, you will learn to identify various mammal skulls. You will learn to use a key, about feeders, dental formulas, anatomy, & adaptations.
Owls	2-A	You will learn about the Life History, Adaptations of Owls— focus will be on the 3 most common owls of Indiana. You will learn to identify three owls through calls & physical characteristics. Program can also include dissection of owl pellets for an additional modest fee.
Birds/Bird Watching	2-A	This can be adjusted to whatever your needs are for learning about birds. Basic Birdwatching, Identifying birds: sight, songs/calls. How to attract birds: feeding, nesting, Migration, Citizen Science Projects, etc.
Adaptations	3-A	This program can be adapted to address adaptations of wildlife in Indiana or specific groups of animals. Can also address plants.
Wetlands	4-A	What are the Characteristics, Benefits, Plants/Wildlife of wetland areas? Adaptations of wetland plants & wildlife, Cattails & Beavers, Vernal Pools
Intro Frogs & Toads	2-A	Basics about frogs/toads. Identification by calls.

Indiana Natural History	Any	Can present program general program on Indiana fauna. Shaping of Indiana/regions, wildlife present/past. Changes.
Citizen Science	5-A	Participants will learn about citizen science programs such as NestWatch, FeederWatch, Great Backyard Bird Count. Can also focus on simply one program. Personal projects.
Nature Photography	4-A	You will learn about the basics of photography with focus on nature. Participants should provide their own camera.
Gene Stratton-Porter	4-A	You will learn about GSP's life, Limberlost, her writings. Could incorporate wetland basics also. Great for 4th graders!
Saunters	All	I can lead Nature Walks/Bird Walks, etc. Simply contact me about what kind of walk you would like. We will use our skills of observation through our many senses. Can also include journaling. Saunter can be specific or general.

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- **I can “customize” a program to your needs.**
- **For younger children—length of programs can be shortened.**
- **Most programs have Indiana state standards addressed. Be sure and request a copy if needed.**
- **Literature Activity/Story-telling available with many programs**
- **Adults: Programs great for organization meetings/outings, groups, family gatherings, etc.**
- **Nature-Smart Kids: Can also mentor a child who is interested in nature study through on-going sessions.**
- **Can teach/explore with 5-6 year olds.**

***Contact me for fees. Fees are always dependent on each unique situation.**

***Questions? Contact me! I will be glad to talk with you about your program needs!**

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