

Outreach Resources

USFWS Oregon Fish and Wildlife Conservation Education Program

The USFWS Oregon Fish and Wildlife Conservation Education Program offers rich engagement focused on telling the story of our mission driven work. We create connections to the field of conservation for everyone by providing a diverse array of interactive programming designed to meet the needs of a wide variety of audiences in a variety of settings. The following outreach topics can be selected and delivered by our staff as engaging, educational tabling activities or presented to an organized group.

Title	Description
Wildlife	
Wildlife Biology and Tracking	Participants are guided through a wide array of wildlife biology and wildlife tracking topics. The kit includes replica skulls, footprints, scat, and pelts with accompanying educational cards that highlight different characteristics and adaptations. Eight species of wildlife are represented: beaver, otter, deer, coyote, black bear, raccoon, mountain lion, and bobcat.
Wildlife Biology: Cats vs. Dogs	The competition is on between cats vs. dogs! This kit teaches participants about the differences and similarities between these two animal families. Explore skull adaptations, eye types, diet, and the important role predators play in our world. Participants gain a deepened appreciation for these carnivores and learn how they can help protect urban wildlife.
Fantastic Bats!	This kit is filled with everything you didn't (but should!) know about our furry, flying friends. Participants learn about different types of bats, the important roles bats play in the world, bat anatomy, physiology, diets, adaptations, and much more. Through a variety of activities, this kit demonstrates how bats are important and need our protection.
Amazing Beavers	Participants learn how beavers are a keystone species because they create wetlands that 50% of wildlife use during their lifetime. The kit also teaches about their many adaptations that help them thrive in an aquatic environment. Participants learn how they can help this species thrive by finding ways to live with them in human-developed areas.
Keystone Species Arch: Beavers	This activity guides visitors through the construction of a keystone arch, with beavers as the foundational species supporting the many different forms of life that depend upon them.
Recovering Sea Otters	The federally threatened sea otter is a keystone species, meaning, their presence helps support the health and survival of many other species. This kit guides participants through the important role these animals play in the near shore ecosystem, the adaptations they've developed to survive in the icy waters of the Pacific Ocean, and the many efforts the USFWS is making to recover this important species.

Wildlife CSI: Spotted Cat Identification	Learn the identification tools Wildlife Forensics Scientists and USFWS Law Enforcement use to identify spotted cats and combat illegal wildlife trafficking.
Wildlife CSI: Reptile Identification	Learn the identification tools Wildlife Forensics Scientists and USFWS Law Enforcement use to identify reptiles and combat illegal wildlife trafficking.
Wildlife CSI: Ivory Identification	Learn the identification tools Wildlife Forensics Scientists and USFWS Law Enforcement use to identify ivory and combat illegal wildlife trafficking.
Birds	
Vultures Are Great!	This kit brings awareness to the essential role turkey vultures and California condors play in the world as “nature’s cleaner.” Activities help visitors develop an appreciation for these unique birds through learning about their adaptations and behaviors. It also highlights the recovery efforts of the USFWS and our partners to bring California condors back from the brink of extinction.
A Changing Climate and Migratory Birds	Like a road trip gone wrong, the already difficult journey migratory birds face is made even more challenging when a changing climate is added to the equation. This kit teaches visitors how migratory birds are being affected by our changing climate, and how we all can play an important role in helping them complete a successful migration.
Bald Eagle: A Species Recovery Success Story	This kit teaches visitors about many of the adaptations that allow bald eagles to be successful. Participants are guided through the story of recovery by learning about caused this species to become an endangered species and what steps were taken by the USFWS and our partners to recover them bald eagle.
Pollinators	
Bringing Back Oregon’s Rare Butterflies	The story of species recovery is told through four of Oregon’s rare butterflies. Participants learn about the butterfly lifecycles, the specific ecological needs of each species, and how the USFWS and our partners, are working to help them recover. They also learn ways they can help native butterflies.
Pollinators: Where Have All the Pollinators Gone?	One result of pollinator loss is the disappearance of many different food sources. This kit explores the process of pollination and how pollinators provide us with many of the foods we depend upon. It also explains why pollinator populations are declining and how we all can help them survive.
Pollinators: Native Bees You’ve Never Heard Of	This kit highlights native Oregon bee species that most people have never heard of. It explains how many of our local bees have different roles and behaviors compared to the introduced honeybees. Participants learn about seven native bees found in the area and steps we all can take to landscape with bees in mind.

Pollinators: Make Your Home a Home for Pollinators	No matter where you live, we all can help pollinators. This kit includes a lesson on what makes plant-pollinator relationships so specific and provides ideas for how we can give our local pollinators the help they need.
Everyone Can Help Protect Monarch Butterflies	As monarch butterfly populations continue to decline, this kit explores their four-generational migration. It explains the difference between the Eastern population and the Western population, identifies their needs along their journey, and highlights easy actions we all can take to help recover this iconic species.
Fish	
Build a Healthy Salmon Stream	Participants take part in an activity that allows them to build a healthy salmon stream. In so doing, they learn about many of the different habitat features that are need for salmon to thrive.
Salmon are Built for Survival	Participants learn about all the internal and external features and adaptations that help equip salmon to survive.
Pacific Lamprey: The Lost Fish	This kit helps participants explore the various adaptations that have allowed this unique fish to have a presence on earth for over 450 million years. Participants learn about their transformative lifecycle and the various threats that have led to a decline in their population.
Ecology	
Animals Need Oaks	Oaks are a keystone species because they support more than 200 species of wildlife. Participants are guided through an activity that teaches how animals benefit from oaks through the food, habitat, and safety they provide, as well as the broader community of oak-related species that support one another. Additionally, they learn that oaks need animals, too, including help from humans!
Keystone Species Arch: Oak	This activity guides participants through the construction of a keystone arch, with oak trees as the foundational species, supporting all the different forms of life that depend upon them.
Monster Invaders: Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species	This kit includes 11 aquatic and 5 terrestrial invasive species (a.k.a., Monster Invaders) paired with a native species they negatively impact. Participants learn about the complexity of what is required in managing the conservation catastrophe that invasive species represent. Early identification helps prevent their spread, with visitors testing their knowledge of which species is native, and which one is a “Monster Invader.”
Make Your Home a Home for Wildlife	Regardless of where you live, this kit teaches how we all can make our homes a safe and habitable home for animals to live or take refuge.

For more information or to inquire about having a USFWS staff member support your outreach event or engage your group with educational programming, please contact our Education and Outreach Specialist, Leah Schrodt, at leah_schrodt@fws.gov or (971) 930-2211.