

# Colorado Education Standards

## Fourth grade:

- All living things share similar characteristics, but they also have differences that can be described and classified (*Life Science*)
- There is interaction and interdependence between and among living and nonliving components of ecosystems (*Life Science*).
- A variety of hazards result from natural process; humans cannot eliminate natural hazards but can reduce their impacts' affect (*Earth Science*).

## Fifth grade:

- Use artistic media and expression to communicate personal and objective points of view (*Visual Arts*)
- Societal activities have had major effects on land, ocean, atmosphere, and even outer space (*Earth Science*)

## Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

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### Fourth and Fifth Grades



### Group Members

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### Scavenger Hunt


**Directions:** You will be working in a group of up to 4 for a scavenger hunt in the Visitor Center about the Refuge. All of the answers can be found in the exhibit by reading and by observing an object or picture.

Use the spinning dials by "Recipe for a Prairie." Match your favorite ingredients and list them.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Find the display of prairie grass. Which grass is taller than you? Shorter?	Taller:  Shorter:
After feeling one of the hides that says "Touch me," (bison, coyote, mule deer) describe it with 3 words.	1. 2. 3.
Draw the tractor tire tread	
How many points are on the mule deer's antlers?	
What size of boots are on the hazmat suit?	


## Thoughts for your ride home


**Directions:** Share your experience at the Refuge with your friends and family. Draw a post card and let them know more about your visit by filling in the blanks.

Hello from  
**Rocky Mountain Arsenal  
 National Wildlife Refuge**



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Let me tell you about my visit to Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.  
 So far, I've seen \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did you know that \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 If you come to visit you should \_\_\_\_\_  
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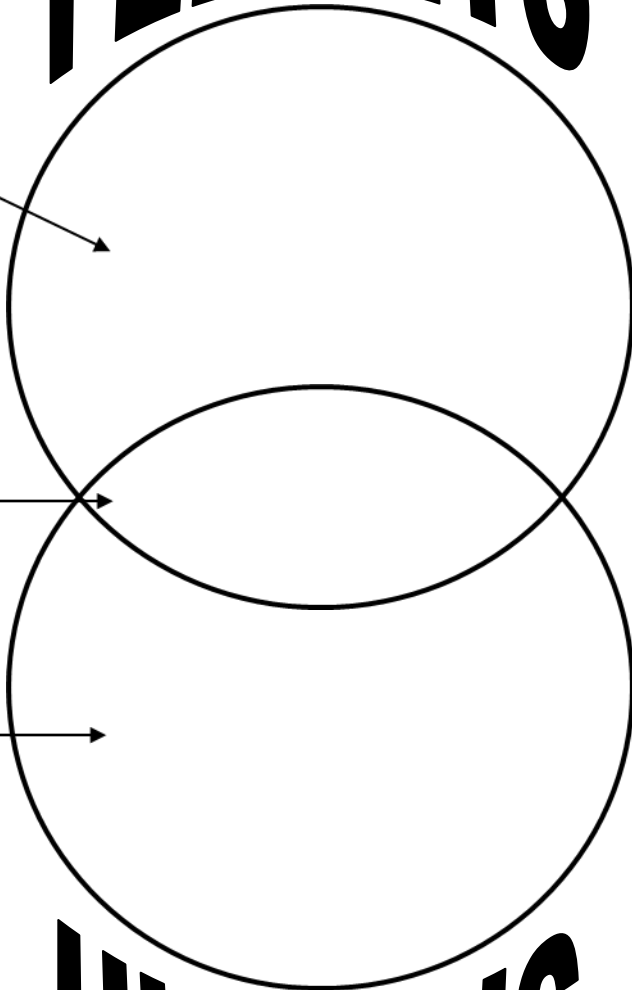


# FERRETS

How are ferrets different from humans?

How are ferrets and humans the same?

How are humans different from ferrets?



# HUMANS

## Prowling the Prairie

**Directions:** As a group, pick an animal or plant you've seen in the Visitor Center exhibit hall. Make a species card by drawing it in the box below and filling out the information.

Animal or plant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Habitat (circle one):    **Prairie**    **Woodland**    **Wetland**

Adaptations: \_\_\_\_\_

Diet: \_\_\_\_\_    Predators: \_\_\_\_\_

## Crafty Critters

**Directions:** Draw a line to connect the picture of the animals to the correct box that describes its physical appearance.



Prairie Garter Snake



Red-tailed Hawk



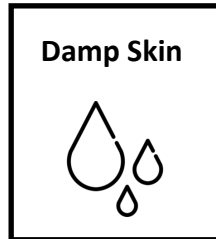
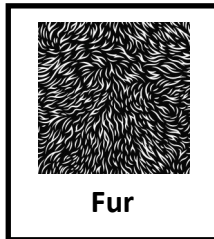
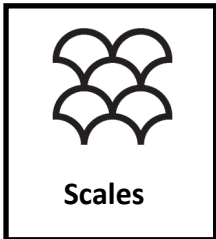
Tiger Salamander



Muskrat



Bluegill



Mule Deer



Great Horned Owl



Coyote



Prairie Dog



Bullfrog

## Fantastic Ferret Facts



### Black-footed Ferret (BFF)

**Description:** Black-footed ferrets are mammals. They have long bodies, short black legs, a black tipped tail, and a black mask. Their coat is yellow-brown with a pale underside. Adults are about 24 inches long and weigh up to 2 pounds. They live 1-3 years in the wild. Ferrets have long claws to help them grab prey and large ears for excellent hearing.

**Habitat:** Ferrets live in a prairie habitat where they eat prairie dogs, live in empty prairie dog burrows, and raise their young (kits).

**Food:** Ferrets are carnivorous, meaning they only eat meat. They have a specific diet and prairie dogs make up 90% of their food. They are well adapted to hunt prairie dogs by using their sharp teeth and a strong jaw.



**When instructed by the teacher, quietly walk with your class to the ferret exhibit.**