

Wildlife Investigations



There are over 1,200 species of animals native to Texas and wildlife biologists utilize a variety of methods to identify animals, aside from observing the animal in its habitat. Our Wildlife Investigations Discovery Trunk allows students to examine the clues animals leave behind and participate in animal identification exercises.

This trunk features skulls of some of the most recognizable native Texas animals along with molds of their tracks and replicas of their scat.

During your 2-week reservation, incorporate the materials and curriculum into your classroom as you choose!

Incorporate while teaching: *Basic Needs, Adaptations and Survival, Physical Characteristics of Environments and its Animals, Ecosystems, Populations and Communities, Journaling, Structure, Function and Survival in Animals, Predation, Food Chains and Food Webs, Interdependence, Conservation of Natural Resources, Seasons and Adaptations, Camouflage, Animal Behavior*

Activities

Animal CSI
 Animal Structure and Function
 Cottontail Census
 Make a Field Journal
 Quail CSI Nest Predation
 Wildlife Scent Stations
 Web of Life
 Wildlife Conservation Beginnings
 Quail Craft

Look At My Feet
 Camouflage
 Eating, It's For the Birds
 My Mixed-Up Animal
 Skins & Skulls CSI
 Water, Land, or Both
 Food Chain Fun
 What is Adaptation?
 How do seasons affect animal adaptations?

Vocabulary

Adaptation
 Carnivore
 Food Web
 Habitat
 Herbivore
 Insectivore
 Omnivore
 Predator
 Prey
 Structure

Suggested Science TEKS

Kindergarten: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2D, 2E, 3A, 10B
 1st grade: 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2D, 2E, 3A, 9C, 10A
 2nd grade: 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2D, 2E, 3A, 9A, 9B, 9C, 10A, 10B
 3rd grade: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2F, 3A, 3C, 3D, 4A, 7D, 9A, 9B, 9C, 10A, 10B
 4th grade: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2F, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 7C, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B
 5th grade: 1A, 1B, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 9A, 9B, 9C, 10A, 10B
 6th grade: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 12E, 12F
 7th grade: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 5C, 10A, 10B, 11B, 12A, 12B
 8th grade: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 11A, 11B

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 Each school is allowed to reserve two (2) Discovery Trunks per semester.
 Trunk reservations are handled first-come-first-serve.*

