

Field Experiences

Our popular **Nature and Wildlife Tours** are offered December through April, to such exciting destinations as Everglades National Park, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, and Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. Florida's unique location as a peninsula gateway between temperate regions and the tropics makes it one of the greatest bird viewing locations anywhere on earth. Tremendous numbers of migrants fly into or through Florida each year, with many congregating in spectacular natural environments along the way. And we have selected the best of the best of these places as destinations.

These are *our own groups*, and are led by *our own* knowledgeable staff. Our destinations teem with so much wildlife that we can "road hunt" in comfort; something new and exciting always awaits us around the next bend! You need no prior experience; we accommodate first time nature lovers as well as experienced birders, and both amateur and professional photographers. Group size is limited, ensuring personal satisfaction for everyone. We all have a great time, and we learn something new on every trip. *Call for a free brochure.*

Scheduling Information

To schedule any Educational Program, just call our office. If no one is available, please leave a message. Be sure to include your name, the name of your school or organization, and your work and home telephone numbers with the best times to reach you.

Charges

The Wildlife Hospital is funded entirely by grants and private contributions from the community. Providing and presenting Environmental Outreach Programs is an expensive endeavor, so we must charge a minimal fee for our presentations to help defray our expenses.

Live Animal Programs

One of the greatest challenges to be faced in the sustainability of wild things and wild places is finding ways to make our natural environment directly meaningful to people. This is especially true in our expanding suburbs and urban areas, where people are rapidly losing contact with nature. Even more critical is providing factual, unbiased information to the thousands of new residents who annually make Florida their home. One way in which we can help people develop a greater sense of their relationship to the natural world is to provide them with the opportunity and the guidance to interpret what they see, hear, and feel in the outdoors.

Our educational programs serve all ages and segments of the community: students and teachers, clubs and civic groups, business and community leaders, families, seniors, and south Florida visitors. They provide educational, scientific, cultural, and recreational benefits to the community, while helping to instill far-reaching values.

Most importantly, these programs help to ensure that present and future generations of young people can learn to understand their natural heritage, and develop the attitudes and beliefs that are necessary if south Florida's living and nonliving resources are to be preserved.

On-Site Tours

Guided Tours of our facility in Palm City are available. Schedule a Site Tour for up-close views of the many non-releasable animals permanently housed here. This will include species not available in classroom presentations.

Nature Walks are also available, and provide guided access to ecosystems including Pine Palmetto Scrub, Fresh Water Marsh, Upland Hardwoods, and Littoral Zone. Wild birds, insects, reptiles, and mammals may be encountered.



Presents

Wildlife and Nature Programs

Educational programs for understanding south Florida's natural environment



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Live Animal Presentations for Schools & Groups

Our Outreach Presentations are designed to make the natural environment accessible to groups that are unable to take advantage of our Field Experiences. These presentations are unique because of the use of live native wildlife. Animals such as the Great Horned Owl, Red-Tailed Hawk, Gopher Tortoise, Indigo Snake, American Alligator and others are brought to the program location. The use of live animals allows the audience a wonderful opportunity to learn about and experience the natural history of south Florida. Outreach presentations are available for groups of all ages, and can be adapted to fit the needs or the curriculum of each individual group. Some suggested programs appear below.

These programs focus on and explore a variety of topics which include: threatened and endangered species; ecology and ecosystems; habitat and habitat destruction; problems caused by the introduction of exotic species; food chains and food webs; urban wildlife; and other related subjects.

Outreach presentations can be made at schools, meeting places, local parks, or other locations of your choice. These presentations are ideally suited for school groups, scout troops, clubs, community and adult organizations, and summer camps. For more information, call our office at 772-286-6200 or visit www.TCWild.org

Other Field Experiences at various locations are described on the reverse of this page.

General Wildlife

Grades: K - Adult

This program will explore the incredible variety of creatures found in Florida's unique and diverse natural habitats. The presentation will include representative living birds of prey and reptiles.



Backyard Wildlife

Grades: 1 - Adult

Friend or foe? The animals that call our backyards home are harmless and often beneficial.

This program will focus on the different wild animals that can be found around our homes and gardens.



Dinosaurs of the Everglades

Grades: 2 - Adult

Turtles, crocodilians, and snakes are the living reptiles of our present day world. This presentation will look at the unusual characteristics that have allowed these animals to survive virtually unchanged for millions of years.



Hunters of the Wind and Hunters of the Night

Grades: 2 - Adult

This program focuses on the unique variety of birds of prey, the hunters of the sky: hawks, owls, vultures, falcons and eagles. The adaptations these birds have developed for hearing, sight, hunting and flight will be discussed.



Endangered Species of Florida

Grades: 3 - Adult

Florida has one of the largest number of endangered species of any state in the U.S. This program will discuss the reasons the animals of our state have become so rare, and what is being done to help preserve them and their habitats.



Wild Animals For Tots

Grades: Pre K - 2

These are simplified programs designed to provide hands-on learning experiences to younger children. Presentations cover topics similar to the programs listed above, and will be customized to suit your particular age group.

