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Hunting and Wildlife Project

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What is it All About?

If you want to learn more about wildlife conservation or wildlife hunting this project is for you. In this project, you can learn how to identify, track and characterize game birds and animals; how to become a good, safe and lawful hunter; how to conserve and improve habitats; and the basic concepts of taxidermy.

Grow in Your Project

Starting Out

- Understand safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment used in hunting.
- Understand hunting ethics and how to put them into practice.
- Learn the history of hunting.
- Learn local and national hunting laws.
- Understand the importance of hunter and landowner relations.

Learning More

- Be able to identify local and national wildlife.
- Learn the basics of wildlife management.
- Learn about food plots used to attract and manage wildlife.
- Understand the importance of sportsmanship.
- Practice game meat care.

Going Further

- Develop and implement a wildlife management plan.
- Learn conservation practices for wildlife.
- Learn how to taxidermy a simple project.
- Understand survival and first aid skills.

Resources for All Three Levels

- [NRA Hunter's Guide](#)
- [Wisconsin DNR Website](#)

Take Your Project Further!

- Research the habitat of a wildlife specific you are interested in.
- Use satellite photos to determine if an area is well suited for wildlife and hunting.
- Go on a bird watch.
- Take a field trip to a nature center.
- Create a comparison chart from an animal's viewpoint of a habitat in a rural and urban area.
- Lead a game of predator / prey at your local 4-H club meeting.
- Invite a BLM officer or a Game and Fish to come and speak at your meeting.
- Get involved with a Wisconsin Game and Fish habitat restoration project.
- Visits Cabela's, Bass Pro, or other outdoor recreation store.
- Work with Conservation Chapters (Pheasants Forever, Mule Deer Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Wild Turkey Federation, etc) to provide educational resources or projects you can work with.

*Resources available at your local Extension office or shop4-H.org.

Applying Project Skills to Life

Enhance Your Communication Skills

- Do a presentation on different types wildlife in your area and how they have changed.
- Give a talk to a group about how to respect and care for wildlife in your area.
- Research and present on how people affect wildlife populations.

Get Involved in Citizenship and Service

- Build bird houses and feeders for your local park to attract all kinds of wild birds.
- Clean up parks, streams, and lakes to keep wildlife habitats healthy.
- Participate in a Game and Fish wildlife count.

Learn about Leadership

- Invite a Game and Fish warden to speak at your club meeting.
- Hold a workshop to teach others environmentally friendly ways to make wildlife feeders.
- Teach others about hunting safety.

Showing What You've Learned

- Keep a journal of the birds and other wildlife you see in your backyard.
- Make a poster with wildlife local to your area.
- Build a feeder to attract local wildlife.
- Design a birdhouse for birds in your area.
- Identify different types of tracks animals leave behind.
- Taxidermy fish or small animal.
- Create European mount of an animal head.
- A display analyzing and owl pellet.
- Report on types of birds nests and nesting habits.
- Create a display on how to distinguish different types of ducks.
- Poster on wildflowers and other wild plants in Wisconsin.
- Before and after pictures of a food plot.



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