

Waukesha 4-H Project Guide



Category: Natural Sciences

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<p>4-H Project</p> <p>Wildlife</p>	<p>Subprojects under this project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Habitat (WHEP) • Birds
<p>Things you might learn in this project:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different habitat types • Food chains and food webs • Animal homes • What animals do over the winter (hibernate, migrate, etc.) • Identification of birds and animals • What animals surround you all the time • Animal preferred foods
<p>Learning activities/ workshops/ field trip ideas:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post a trail cam in your backyard and learn what wildlife is native to your area • WHEP contest • Trips to Horicon Marsh at different times of year, to photograph wildlife / birds • Build a birdhouse, owl house, or bat house • Install a bird feeder and take photographs of the different birds that come • Hikes at local parks / forests to capture different species • Trip to a lake or river after a rain to create plaster casts of animal tracks • Volunteer at a wildlife sanctuary or rescue • Citizen science activities via Waukesha Parks & Rec or Wisconsin DNR
<p>Ideas of things you might exhibit in the fair:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photography book of different bird species with identifications • Trailcam photos of different wildlife • Informational poster on one type of bird or wildlife that interests you • Collection of plaster casts with labels / identification • Completed birdhouse, bat house, or owl house • Poster of citizen science event • Report on types of birds nests and nesting habits • Create a display on how to distinguish different types of ducks • Poster on wild plants in Wisconsin
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<p>References & Resource links:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/whepwi4h/ • https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/wildlife-and-hunting-project/ • https://wisconsinlandwater.org/programs/youth-education • https://dpi.wi.gov/environmental-ed/project-wild • https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/education • https://www.eekwi.org/ • https://www.wihumane.org/wildlife/about-the-wildlife-rehabilitation-center/programs/wildlife-education • https://www.audubon.org/news/birding-wisconsin