

# The Florida Schoolyard Wildlife Project offers training and excellent resources to help enhance your schoolyard habitat for wildlife and is available free to educators who participate in a workshop.

The Schoolyard Wildlife Project is an environmental education program that can teach you how to turn your school grounds into an effective outdoor classroom and provide important wildlife habitat.



The Schoolyard Wildlife Project's resources will help you incorporate Florida's natural history into your curricula to teach ecology, critical thinking skills and land stewardship principles.

## Workshops

The Schoolyard Wildlife Project offers two hands-on, interactive workshops: **Schoolyard Activities & Ecology** and **Schoolyard Ecosystems**.

The **Schoolyard Activities & Ecology** workshop provides teachers with high quality, Florida-specific natural history and ecology lessons, and natural science explorations. This four to six hour workshop targets educators in grades K-6.

The **Schoolyard Ecosystems** workshop teaches educators about local ecosystems and how to involve their students in the creation, restoration or enhancement of native wildlife habitats on school grounds. This six hour workshop targets educators in grades K-12.



## Scientific Inquiry and Meeting Standards

State and national science education standards encourage instruction that focuses on problem-solving and inquiry—activities which characterize the pursuits of scientists. Field investigations, such as those provided in *The Schoolyard Wildlife Activity Guide*, help students learn the skills of scientific inquiry. Schoolyard Wildlife activities help teachers meet state standards and benchmarks from *The Nature of Science* and *Life Science* bodies of knowledge in grades K-6.

## Getting Started

To find out where the next workshop is scheduled or to arrange a workshop for your school or home-school



group (minimum size: 15), contact the Project WILD/K-12 Program Coordinator at (561) 236-8431 or Staff Assistant at (850) 488-4679. Or write to:

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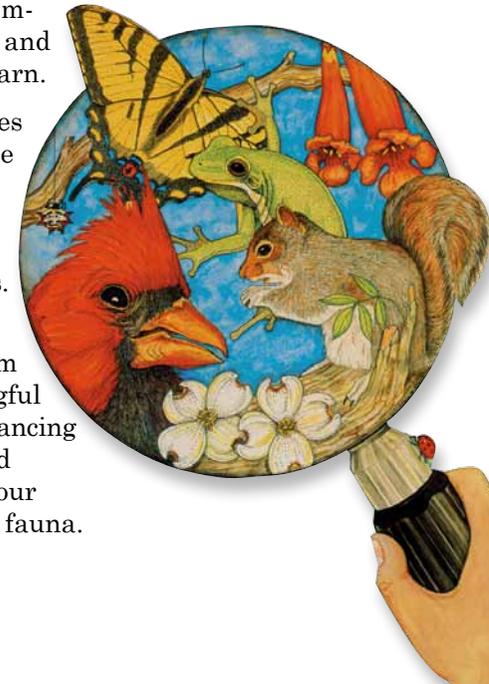


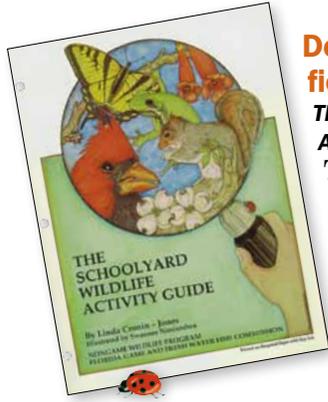
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## The Schoolyard Wildlife Program works because:

- Students understand stewardship and conservation when they participate directly in caring for the land.
- Students learn best out-of-doors, working and observing hands-on.
- Outdoor experiences in natural settings increase students' problem-solving abilities and motivation to learn.
- Regular activities at a local site are more effective than infrequent field trips to distant locations.
- This Florida-based curriculum is more meaningful to students, enhancing appreciation and preservation of our native flora and fauna.





**Don't worry about field trips!**

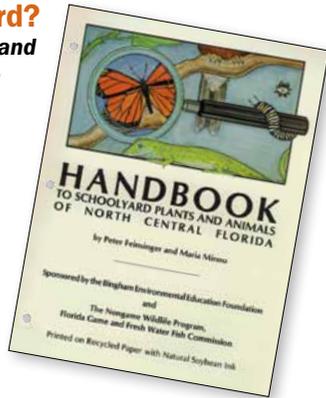
**The Schoolyard Wildlife Activity Guide**

This Florida-specific activity guide features wildlife education lesson plans that require little teacher preparation time and use inexpensive, easy-to-obtain materials.

**Wildlife in the Schoolyard?**

**Handbook to Schoolyard Plants and Animals of North Central Florida**

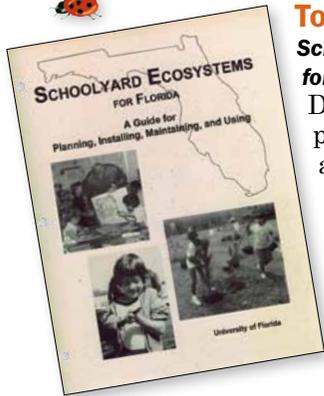
This resource is a hands-on guide to the ecology and behavior of many common schoolyard plants and animals. The handbook covers areas of natural history including major habitat types and interactions between animals and plants.



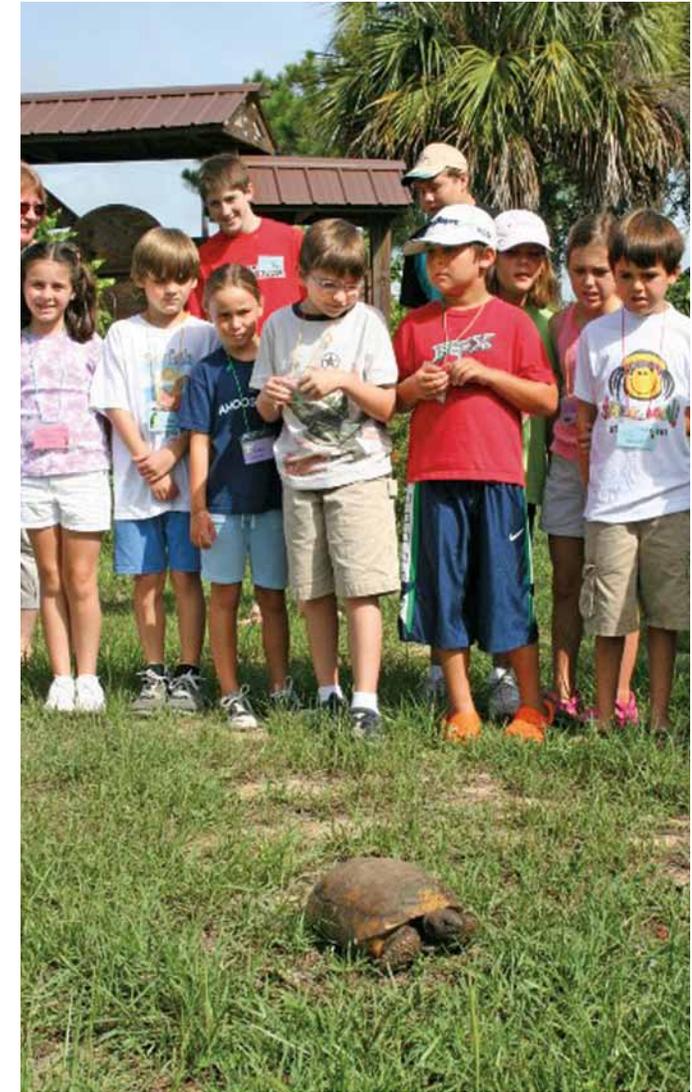
**To mow or not to mow?**

**Schoolyard Ecosystems for Florida**

Develop stewardship and positive conservation attitudes by establishing a schoolyard habitat. This guidebook provides step-by-step methods for planning and maintaining the ecosystem.



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