



South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Inc.
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Our educational programs are designed to last 30 to 40 minutes followed by a question and answer period. Due to our seasonally heavy schedule, the best time for a program is between September and March. Please call at least two weeks in advance, as our bookings fill quickly.

The Wildlife Center holds state and federal permits to retain non-releasable birds of prey for environmental education and live raptors will be brought to programs whenever feasible. Volunteers decide which of our "wildlife ambassadors" will be available on a particular day, unless arrangements for one particular species to be brought to a program are made in advance.

We ask for a donation of \$150. For programs farther than 20 miles from Lubbock, mileage will be added at the rate of \$0.30 per mile. Small groups may arrange for a tour of our facilities for a minimum \$50 donation.

Purpose of our Environmental Education Program

- To teach children an understanding of wildlife as a natural resource
- To inspire children with an appreciation for our natural world
- To disseminate factual information about wildlife

Experience has shown that the greatest hope for sustaining the diversity and abundance of our native wildlife lies with getting individuals involved on a personal level. Wildlife education based on firsthand interaction with animals is highly effective.

Things children learn from our programs

- Differences between wildlife and domestic animals
- How birds are unique (feathers, hollow bones, etc.)
- Adaptations such as beaks, feathers, feet, talons, vision, hearing, etc.
- Special emphasis on species found on the South Plains (about 410 species)
- Common native species of mammals and baby mammals
- Special hazards that face wildlife
- Miscellaneous topics such as nests and eggs, owl pellets, baby birds, habitat, food chain, migration, etc.

We emphasize laws that affect wildlife

- Birds are protected by state and federal laws (Migratory Bird Treaty Act)
- What are protected animals versus threatened or endangered species?
- Why we must have federal and state permits to possess our animals and operate the Center.

Because no life is too little to save