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Schoolyard Habitats® Online Resources

Habitat Creation

National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats® Program

<http://www.nwf.org/schoolyardhabitats>

Information on how to create a wildlife habitat on your school grounds, as well as how to get your habitat certified as an official Schoolyard Habitats site. Also available is a free newsletter and information on other NWF Education programs.



Wild Ones Landscapers

<http://www.for-wild.org/>

Site is dedicated to the importance of landscaping with native plants. Includes an excellent "how-to" handbook which guides you through the creation of native plant landscapes and habitat for wildlife.

Sources of Materials

Let's Get Growing

<http://www.letsgetgrowing.com/>

Online catalog full of tools, teaching aides, books, and much more to use with your Schoolyard Habitats site.

Gardens for Growing People

<http://www.svn.net/growpepl/>

Catalog for ordering child-sized tools, books, curriculum, and much more. The site also offers tips for gardening with children and a free newsletter.



Learning Through Landscapes

<http://www.ltl.org.uk/>

A UK based program that promotes thoughtful design and use of school grounds. A source for a high quality schoolyard curriculum series (i.e. English in the School Grounds, Math in the School Grounds) as well as guidebooks addressing specific issues, such as seating, maintenance, and fundraising.

Curriculum and Activities

The National Gardening Association's Kids Gardening Page

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/>

Great information for teachers and parents on gardening projects to do with children. Site contains a wealth of information, including recommended books for children and adults, grant opportunities, key word curriculum search, and a free online newsletter.

The Wild Ones

<http://www.thewildones.org/>

International program that offers curriculum ideas, resource lists, free newsletters, information on research projects that classrooms can join, and much more. Site is also available in Spanish and Portuguese.

Classroom Projects

Journey North

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/>

Free online program through which classrooms can track the spring migration of various animal species. Students share their information with other classrooms across the hemisphere and work directly with scientists. The site also provides lesson ideas and a forum for online teacher discussions.

Classroom Feeder Watch

<http://birds.cornell.edu/cfw/>

Great program run by Cornell University that allows classrooms to participate in ongoing ornithology research projects. Includes curriculum ideas and National Science Education Standards correlations.

Monarch Watch

<http://www.monarchwatch.org/>

Site has a great deal of information related to teaching about monarchs in the classroom. Included on the site are details on the monarch life cycle, instructions on how to rear monarchs and grow milkweed, and opportunities for students to participate in research projects with scientists.



Plants and Wildlife



American Horticultural Society

<http://www.ahs.org/>

Plant related information and links to a national list of children's gardens (under the *Gardening Connections* section).

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

<http://www.wildflower.org/>

Regional native plant lists, as well as educator kits, which contain plant information and posters for use in the classroom, can be purchased on the site.

Species 2000

<http://www.sp2000.org/>

Great starting point for learning about specific plant and animal species. Includes in-depth information and a variety of helpful web links.

eNature.com

<http://www.enature.com>

Offers an Online Field Guide, which can be suited to local areas by typing in a zip code. Also a Habitat Guide, to learn about the varied ecosystems of North America, and a weekly newsletter.

Bat Conservation International

<http://www.batcon.org/>

Provides information on bats, building bat houses, and ordering bat-related educators' guides.

Environmental Education Clearinghouses

Environmental Literacy Council

<http://www.envioliteracy.org/>

Comprehensive information and valuable links on key environmental issues. Also includes reviews of advanced placement environmental science text books.

The Center for Environmental Education

<http://www.cee-ane.org/>

Contains a searchable database of environmental education programs. Helpful source of topic-specific curriculum and articles and provides curriculum evaluations.

EE-Link

<http://eelink.net/>

Offers links to many websites, including sites on curriculum ideas, grant opportunities, and environmental education publications.



ERIC Clearing House for Environmental Education

<http://www.ericse.org/eeindex.html>

Information on environment-focused books, conferences, lesson plans, journals, and web sites.

Email Listservs

The National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat® Listserv

Topics discussed usually include tips for creating and maintaining habitats, interesting backyard wildlife sightings, questions relating to attracting wildlife, and much more. If you would like to be added to this list, send a blank email to bwh-exchange-subscribe@igc.topica.com.

The National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats® Listserv

The Schoolyard Habitats listserv allows individuals interested in the creation and use of habitats on school grounds to share ideas. Participants include environmental education experts, resource professionals, teachers, parents, and individuals interested in using the outdoors as a teaching tool. If you would like to be added to this list, send a blank email to syh-exchange-subscribe@igc.topica.com.



School Garden Listserv

A forum for discussing school garden issues. This list is open to all interested in or who are participating in school garden creation, use, maintenance and study. Participants discuss issues pertaining to pre-school, elementary, and secondary schools. To subscribe, visit http://www.mallorn.com/mailman/listinfo/school_garden.