

Wildlife Judging: 4-H's Wildlife Conservation Program



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Settlement altered
ecosystems





People used
wildlife
resources
for food
and fashion.

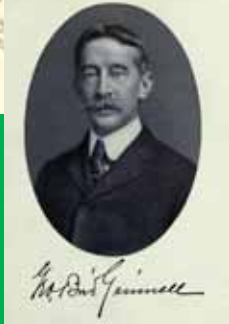


People protected themselves & property

Species faced extinction



Sportsman sounded the alarm
and started protecting wildlife . . .



and ecosystems.



Harvest regulations were created



Sportsman's fees pay for conservation of game...



...and non game species.

Conservation is still needed:



Environmental catastrophes



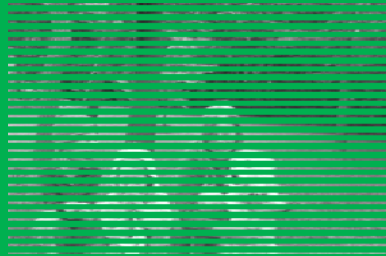
Habitat destruction



Global issues



In the past:



In the present:





Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program

People need: food, water,
shelter, space



Wildlife needs: food, water,
shelter, space



Step 1:

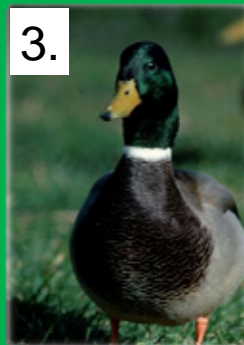
Learn
The
Animals

“Wildlife
ID &
Knowledge





Wildlife Identification



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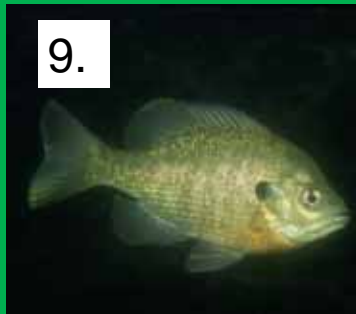
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Wildlife Knowledge

11. Wood Ducks nest:

- A. in hollow trees.
- B. in holes in the ground.
- C. in cattails near a pond.
- D. in a nest made of wood.

12. Which of these mammals is a predator, feeding on other animals?

- A. White-tailed deer
- B. Eastern cottontail
- C. Eastern gray squirrel
- D. Coyote

13. Most of the marshes and swamps in Mississippi

- A. are still the same as they always were.
- B. have been drained to grow crops.
- C. provide homes for Northern Bobwhite.
- D. have pine trees growing in the water.

14. Which photo does not represent a Mississippi ecosystem?

A.



B.



C.



15.To what is
the red arrow
pointing?

- A. Trees
- B.A road
- C.A pond
- D.A crop field



Step 2:

Learn the Management Practices
and
How to Apply Them

Habitat Evaluation

Good
Habitat for
Deer?



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Habitat Management is Succession Management



Some habitat management practices:



Example of Quail Management



Benefits of WHEP

- Fun
- Travel
- Outdoors
- Environmental Ed
- Career development
- Communication skills
- Critical thinking
- Team-building



The WHEP Contest

Wildlife Identification:

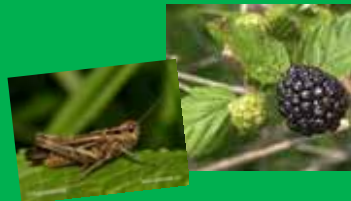
- Recognize animals by gender and age
- Junior & Senior 4-H'ers
- Individual activity



The WHEP Contest

Wildlife Knowledge:

- Foods
- Aerial Photos
- Habitat requirements
- Management practices
- Multiple-choice questions
- Junior & Senior 4-H'ers
- Individual activity



The WHEP Contest

Management Practices:

- Site evaluation
- Management recommendations
- Score chart
- Senior 4-H'ers
- Individual Activity



The WHEP Contest

Management Plan

- Written document
- Senior 4-H'ers
- Team event



The WHEP Contest

Plan Defense

- Questions before Judges
- Oral activity
- Senior 4-H'ers
- Individual Activity

