

Schoolyard Habitat Guide Now Available

Teachers and Educators – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Schoolyard Habitat Program is proud to announce the availability of the brand new Schoolyard Habitat Project Guide.

This is your roadmap for transforming your school grounds into a destination that will engage the entire school community in habitat restoration. Once you use this how-to guide, your school community will connect to the natural world, not by sitting inside and looking out, but instead by being outside and looking deeper.

This simple guide will take you and your students through each step of the process: planning, installing and sustaining a project. This is not a book about why schoolyard projects are important; but a guide on how to make the best one suited for your site.

The guide is available in a downloadable format online at <http://www.fws.gov/cno/conservation/schoolyard.cfm> . To request a hard copy, please email your request to R8SchoolYardHabitat@fws.gov

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Schoolyard Habitat project promotes naturalized habitat areas created by students, for students. It is ecologically sound, integrated into the curriculum and designed to encourage long-term natural resource conservation and stewardship. Typical projects created through this program include: wetlands, meadows, woodlands and variations among them based on specific ecoregions. Many projects are planned through multiple phases and become more dynamic over time as children from various classes build upon the existing work of past students.

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