



# Denver Critter Crates

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## Take a Field Trip Without Leaving Your Classroom!

Critter Crates are available to educators for check-out free of charge. The teaching kits make it easy to lead successful and fun wildlife lessons. Resources include hands-on wildlife artifacts and field gear, audio-visuals, kids books and background information.

**To reserve a crate, fill out the Request Form on the CPW website, e-mail us at [wildlife.crittercrate@state.co.us](mailto:wildlife.crittercrate@state.co.us), FAX to 303-291-7114, or call 303-291-7828.**

### Animal Tracks and Signs Crate

Mammal, bird, and reptile tracks; backyard wildlife activities; beaver-chewed stick and animal scat; animal signs lesson plans; Peterson's Field Guide; Tracks in the Wild.

### Aquatic Adventures Crate

Take students to a stream or pond and perform basic sampling of the water and aquatic invertebrates in the area. Contains: Supplies to conduct scientific wetlands research—wading boots; Golden Guide to Pond Life; thermometers; 'Wetland Metaphors' bag; flower and plant press; nets; oxygen and pH test kits.

### The Bat Crate

Bat specimen mount and see-through model; Discover Bats video; Bat Chat audio tape and transcript ; Kids Love Bats poster; "Where's My Baby?" role playing activity; the Bat House Builder's Handbook; The Good Guys publication; America's Neighborhood Bats; Zipping, Zapping, Zooming Bats; and Stellanuna.

### Bear Critter Crate

This kit is designed specifically for younger audiences. Black bear puppet; bear hide and skull; Living with Wildlife in Bear Country brochure; slide show; The Wonder Series: Everywhere Bear; Project WILD activities; Be Bear Aware coloring book; activity materials for 3 great games!

### The Bird Crate

Bird nests and eggs; barn owl and hummingbird puppets; talons and tracks; birds of prey chart; Wonders on the Wing video; favorite birds coloring pages; Peterson's Bird Calls CD and tape; How Birds Fly and Inside a Egg books.

### Bug Box (Insects and Spiders, Too!)

Insect sweep nets; magnifying bug boxes; plastic insect replicas; insect/spider stamps and ink pads; Creepy Crawlies book; insect stencils; The Big Bug Search book.

### Compass Kit

Compasses, maps and reference guides to teach students navigation skills.

### The Elk Trunk (Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation)

Books and activities for teaching students about elk. Contains: tape of elk sounds and calls; elk hide, antler, and tracks; Wild About Elk educator's guide; Wild About Elk video; A Year at Elk Meadow book. Good resource for many audiences.

### **The Fire Box**

“Fire’s Role in Nature” poster; tree and bark samples; items that create & extinguish fires; fire prevention CDs; six dioramas; Fire: Friend or Foe book.

### **Lynx Crate**

“Return of the Snowcat” high school module (includes 7 lesson plans, DVD, maps and more); bioartifacts include lynx, mountain lion, bobcat, wolverine, American marten.

### **Mammal Hides & Skulls Crate**

Mammal hides, antlers, and skulls; mammal lesson plans binder; Season of the Red Fox and Bears for Kids (books); Amazing Mammals activity guide; “Woods and Mountains Mammals” posters.

### **Mountain Lion Teacher’s Box**

Materials for teaching students about mountain lions and their place in Colorado. Contains: Mountain lion slide show; mountain lion activity game; hides, skulls and tracks; coloring pages; The Puma and Great Cats books; “Colorado Predator” poster.

### **Outdoor Exploration Kit**

Binoculars, hand lenses, field microscopes, guides and other items useful for outdoor games/activities.

### **Prairie Crate**

Mammal hides, skulls and tracks of prairie animals, including pronghorn, prairie dog and badger, as well as prairie related books and activities.

### **Reptiles and Amphibians Crate**

Amphibians and reptiles slide show; books, guides and publications; turtle shells, skulls, and specimen; snakes poster; bull snake skin.

### **Safari in a Box - Colorado Style** *(Created by Safari Club International Foundation Sables)*

Hunting-related/wildlife management activities and guides; common Colorado wildlife hides and skulls, tracks and scat replicas; wildlife classroom activity guides; animal tracks poster.

### **Urban Wildlife Crate**

Track molds and replicas; skulls and scat; backyard wildlife guides; urban slide show; mammal hides.

### **Urban Wildlife Puppet Show**

Puppets, script, and props to learn and perform show at your school.

### **Wildlife Forensics Kit**

Investigate wildlife tracks, hair, and skulls to figure out a “whodunnit” mystery. Track molds and replicas, skulls, fur samples, antlers, and activity materials.

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**CPW requires at least two weeks advance notice when making a Critter Crate reservation.  
Critter Crates are popular, so please plan well in advance.**

- Please plan to **pick up AND drop off your borrowed items on the pre-arranged Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.** The Northeast Region Office in Denver is open 8am - 5pm.
- We cannot guarantee crate availability for your requested dates.
- Your request must be confirmed before you can pick-up materials - **Please be sure you received a confirmation before traveling to the office for pick-up!**
- Requests made with less than 2 weeks notice may not be accommodated. ***Please sign-up early!***
- The normal loan period is two weeks. More time can be requested but is not guaranteed.
- Users must inventory the contents of kits and critter crates on receipt and before return. Please help us ensure they remain intact for the next user.