



# Fort Collins 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**

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.

### **Bat Crate**

Bat specimen mount; Discover Bats video; Bat Chat audio tape and transcript; Kids Love Bats poster; "Where's My Baby?" role playing activity; and other materials related to bats.

### **Bear Critter Crate**

This kit is designed specifically for younger audiences. Black bear puppet; bear hide and skull; slide show; books and various activity materials for bear-related games!

### **Bear Kit Teacher's Box**

Contains 8 different books about bears; "Bears, Bruins, Ursids and Trouble" video; slide show, 4 different fun-filled activities and games, including 2 card games.

### **Binoculars Crate**

Crate contains 20 binoculars and field guides to help teach students how to view and identify wildlife. Also includes an activity guide for the instructor.

### **Bird Nests Crate**

Includes real bird nests, bird puppets, books, activity guides and other materials related to bird nests.

### **Birds and Waterfowl Crate**

Contains duck and grouse wings, feathers, books and an activity guide.

### **Deer Jaws Crate**

Includes different aged deer jaws and an activity guide for teaching students how to age an animal using jaws.

### **Compass Kit**

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **Gardening with Wildlife Crate**

This guide is the Official Backyard Habitat Planning and Planting Guide. Kit includes a guide to planting an oasis to aid wildlife, including plant lists and bird feeding tips.

### **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 Crate**

Contains 19 different mammal hides, antlers and horns; Numerous books, and activity guide and other resources for teaching about mammals are also included.

### **Mammal Skulls Crate**

Numerous skulls, an activity guide with prepared activities, and books are included to teach about mammal skulls.

### **Migratory Songbirds Crate**

Migratory Songbird Blues: Exploring Neotropical Migratory Songbirds of the Western U.S. is designed for K-6 students. Includes a variety of materials, including a teacher's guide, books, student research kits, puppets and more.

### **Moose Crate**

Contains a moose hoose hide, skull and an activity sheet about measuring antlers.

### **Mountain Lion Teacher's Box**

Materials for teaching students about mountain lions. Contains: Mountain lion slide show; mountain lion activity game; hides, skulls and tracks; coloring pages; and other materials related to mountain lions.

### **Night Sounds**

A Guide to Night Sounds takes you on a tour of animal sounds to help learn about the sources of mysterious noises in the dark.

### **Owl Pellet Dissection Kit**

Contains owl dissection kit, a 15 minute video and book.

### **Reptiles and Amphibians Crate**

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

### **Skins and Skulls Crate**

Contains 5 different animals: beaver, coyote, otter, and porcupine. We recommend this crate be checked out with the Mammal Hides crate.

### **SPLATTE Resource Kit**

Kit is designed to support the South Platte Learning and Teaching the Essentials (SPLATTE) curriculum. Includes many books and 30 compasses.

### **Survival Crate**

Contains examples items of what could be included int a survival kit. Helps show students the importance of being prepared when venturing outdoors.

### **Telemetry Kit**

Contains various examples of collars and an antennae used by biologists to track animal locations in the wild.

### **Wildlife Diseases Crate**

Crate includes various books, videos, and pamphlets to teach students about wildlife diseases. Also contains a wildlife diseases activity guide and mosquito trap that can be used to teach about mosquitoes and disease transmission.

### **Wildlife Track Impressions Crate**

Contains 15 different life-sized animal track molds students can make replicas of using plaster and help teach about recognizing animal tracks in the wild.

### **Wildlife Track Stamps Crate**

Contains 13 different life-sized animal track stamps students can use on posters, t-shirts, etc. to replicate the tracks and gaits of different animals. Helps teach about recognizing animal tracks in the wild.

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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 Fort Collins Office is open 8am - 5pm.

Please keep in mind:

- 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 crates remain intact for the next user.
- **Fort Collins crates are NOT available for check-out June - August.**

