Teachers are welcome to rent Audubon teaching kits, known as “prop boxes”, to enhance classroom learning. Kits include hands-on activities, curriculum, DVDs, posters, props, nature biofacts, books and more!

- A maximum of 2 prop boxes can be rented at a time for up to 4 weeks.
- Rentals can be renewed if you need more time.
- A $30 deposit is required per prop box. This deposit will be returned after the kit is returned and inventoried.
- The rental fee is $10 per week for each box.

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Prop Box Contents

The descriptions below are a sampling of each kit’s contents…there are more items found in every box!

A Bug’s Life

Student Literature: “James and the Giant Peach” by Roald Dahl; “What is an Insect?” by Susan Canizares
Audio-Visual: “Microcosmos” DVD
Activities: “Catch a Color” butterfly game; “Know Mosquitoes” board game
Biofacts: Butterfly & moth mounts; insect galls; cicadas
Additional Materials: Assortment of plastic arthropods; “Life Cycle of a Butterfly” poster; ladybug poster…and more!

Insects

Information and Curriculum Materials: Ranger Rick’s NatureScope--“Incredible Insects”; “The Bug Book” by Robin Bernard
Audio/Visual: “Eyewitness Insects” DVD
Biofacts: Bald-faced hornet’s nest; insects such as a beetle, butterfly, dragonfly, damselfly, cicada & wasps
Additional Materials: “Insects and Spiders” floor puzzle; caterpillar/butterfly puppet…and more!

RI Naturally - Birdlife

Activities and Biofacts: “National Wildlife Federation Education Kits”; laminated bird pictures; laminated “Audubon Alliance Bird Identifier”; bag of goose down feathers; 8 bird bands; a bird bone
Additional Materials: posters…and more!
RI Naturally - Mammals

Audio/Visual: “Eyewitness Mammals” DVD
Biofacts: Coyote skull, beaver claw, sperm whale tooth, woodchuck skull, coyote claw, human maxilla, opossum skull
Track Replicas: Fox, beaver, bobcat, black bear, opossum, rabbit, skunk … and more!

Sea Life

Student Literature: “Eyewitness Books: Seashore”; “In One Tidepool -- Crabs, Snails and Salty Tails” by Anthony Fredericks; “The Atlantic Ocean” by Anne Ylvisaker
Activities: “Ocean Animals Clue Game”, “Seashore Creatures X-rays and Picture Cards”;
Biofacts: Variety of marine organisms including sun star, sea star, and sea urchin
Additional Materials: Crab puppet, octopus puppet, plastic stingray …and more!

Watersheds

Audio/Visual: “Eyewitness: Pond and River” DVD
Activities: “Wonders of Water” game; “Journey through the Watershed” game
Additional Materials: “Year of Clean Water” posters; “Watersheds” poster with activities …and more!

Habitats

Audio/Visual: Scholastic’s “Animal Genius” CD-ROM
Activities: “Food Web, Who Am I?”; Conservation Chart Wetland Metaphor
Biofacts: Woodpecker hole, skunk pelt
Additional Materials: “Habitat Needs” picture & vocabulary cards; “Habitats” pictures & vocabulary cards…and more!

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Trees

**Information & Curriculum Materials:** TREES -- a collection of information, organizations & resources; TREES -- a collection of lesson plans & hands-on activities; “Golden Guide to Trees”; “Master Tree Finders” by May Theilgaard Watt

**Student Literature:** “The People Who Hugged the Trees” by Deborah Lee Rose; “Take a Tree Walk” by Jane Kirkland

**Activities:** “JUNIPER -- A Game of Trees” card game; “Be a Tree” & “Dress a Tree” activities; Tree Identification Activity

**Audio/Visual:** “Eyewitness: Plants” DVD

**Biofacts:** Pine cones, beaver-chewed branch, nests, tree cookies, seeds & nuts

**Additional Materials:** “THANK A TREE!” poster, 2-way magnifier, hand lenses… and more!

Native Americans (Grades K-2)

**Information and Curriculum Guides:** “Lessons for Turtle Island” by Guy W. Jones and Sally Moomaw; “Native American Games and Stories” by James Bruchac and Joseph Bruchac

**Student Literature:** “Why the Possum’s Tail is Bare” by James E. Connolly; “Little Firefly, An Algonquian Legend” by Terri Cohlene

**Audio/Visual:** “Keepers of the Earth Native American Stories” told by Joseph Bruchac

**Activities:** “Help the Tribe Survive” scavenger hunt cards; Native American gardening activity

**Biofacts:** Box turtle shell, deer antler, rabbit fur

**Additional Materials:** Rawhide drum, deerskin pouch, model of wetu/wigwam…and more!

Native Americans (Grades 3-6)

**Information and Curriculum Guides:** “Native American Crafts and Skills” by David Montgomery; “The New England Indians” by C. Keith Wilbur; Additional folder of information for teachers

**Student Literature:** “Pushing Up the Sky by Joseph Bruchac”; “Clamshell Boy, A Makah Legend” by Terri Cohlene

**Audio/Visual:** “Trail of Tears -- A Native American Documentary Collection” DVD; “Tales of Wonders: Traditional Native American Stories for Children” CD-ROM

**Activities:** “First Peoples of North America” card game; “Help the Tribe Survive” scavenger hunt cards; “Native American Portraits” cards

**Biofacts:** Deer tail & antler, raccoon skin, sumac berries, turkey feather, Quahog shell…and more!

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