

# TEACHER RESOURCES PROP BOXES



## Audubon Teaching Kits Enhance Classroom Learning

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



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- Rental fee: \$10 per week for each prop box.
- A \$30 deposit is required per box, which will be refunded after the kit is returned and inventoried.
- A maximum of two prop boxes can be rented at one time.
- Boxes may be rented for up to four weeks.
- Educators may renew the rental period if more time is needed.

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### URBAN WILDLIFE

**Information and Curriculum Materials:** *Urban Ecology Curriculum Guide*, *Urban Ecology Curriculum Activities and Materials folder*. **Field Guides:** *Petersen's First Guide to Urban Wildlife* by Sarah B. Landry, *Urban Wildlife – An introduction to Familiar Species* by Kavanagh/Leung. **Student Literature:** *Take a City Nature Walk* by Jane Kirkland, *Urban Roosts* by Barbara Bash. **Audio/Visual:** DVD: *Nature Raptor Force*; *Celebrate Urban Birds* CD. **Activities:** nature bingo cards, northern forest mammal tracker cards, great leaf scavenger hunt cards. **Biofacts:** cat skull, deer skull, Peregrine Falcon egg replica, pigeon skull, and more. **Additional Materials:** nest photos, urban bird poster, magnifying lenses... and more!

### A BUG'S LIFE

**Information and Curriculum Materials:** *It's a Bug's Life Curriculum Guide*, URI Cooperative Extension's *Bug Basics*, Ranger Rick's *NatureScope - Incredible Insects*. **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. **Student Literature:** *Insect World: A Child's First Library of Learning*, *Look Closer* by Brian and Rebecca Wildsmith. **Audio/Visual:** *Eyewitness Insects* DVD. **Biofacts:** bald-faced hornet's nest, insects such as a beetle, butterfly, dragonfly, damselfly, cicada and wasps. **Additional Materials:** insects and spiders floor puzzle, caterpillar/butterfly puppet... and more!

### RI NATURALLY - BIRDLIFE

**Information and Curriculum Materials:** *RI Naturally Birdlife Information and Curriculum Guide*; *Field Guide to the Birds East of the Rockies*; *Landscaping for Birds and Attracting Birds to Your Backyard*; *Hands on Nature: Introducing Birds* by Pamela Hickman.

#### RI NATURALLY - BIRDLIFE (CONTINUED)

**Audio/Visual:** *Eyewitness Birds* DVD; *The Backyard Birdsong Guide: A Guide to Listening* by Donald Kroodsmen. **Activities and Biofacts:** National Wildlife Federation education kits, laminated bird pictures, laminated Audubon Alliance Bird Identifier; bag of goose down feathers, eight bird bands, a bird bone. **Additional Materials:** posters... and more!

### RI NATURALLY - MAMMALS

**Information and Curriculum Materials:** *Mammals of Southern New England*, *RI Naturally - Mammals*, *Discovering Marine 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

**Information & Curriculum Materials:** *The Seaside Naturalist Study Guide for the Seashore*, *Once Upon a Seashore Curriculum Guide for K-6*, *Peterson First Guides: Seashores*, *Peterson First Guides: Shells*. **Student Literature:** *Eyewitness Books: Seashore*, *In One Tidepool - Crabs, Snails and Salty Tails* by Anthony Fredericks, *The Atlantic Ocean* by Anne Ylvisaker. **Audio/Visual:** *Life on a Rocky Shore* CD-ROM, *Eyewitness - Ocean* DVD. **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!

### HABITATS

**Information & Curriculum Materials:** habitats folder, *Golden Guide - Birds, Reptiles and Amphibians Field Guide*. **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 and vocabulary cards, *Habitats* pictures & vocabulary cards... and more!

