

***SOUTH PLAINS WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER, INC.  
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Our educational programs are designed to last 30 to 40 minutes followed by a question and answer period. Due to our seasonally heavy schedule, the best time for a program is between September and March. We do present programs year round, however our summers are very busy raising and caring for wildlife. Please call at least two weeks in advance, as our bookings fill quickly.

The Wildlife Center holds state and federal permits to retain non-releasable birds of prey for environmental education and live raptors will be brought to programs whenever feasible. Volunteers decide which of our "wildlife ambassadors" will be available on a particular day, unless arrangements for one particular species to be brought to a program are made in advance. We ask for a donation of \$100. For programs farther than 20 miles from Lubbock, mileage will be added at the rate of \$0.50 per mile. Small groups may arrange for a tour of our facilities for a minimum \$50 donation.

***PURPOSE OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM***

To teach children an understanding of wildlife as a natural resource  
To inspire children with an appreciation for our natural world  
To disseminate factual information about wildlife  
Experience has shown that the greatest hope for sustaining the diversity and abundance of our native wildlife lies with getting individuals involved on a personal level. Wildlife education based on firsthand interaction with animals is highly effective.

***THINGS CHILDREN LEARN FROM OUR PROGRAMS***

Differences between wildlife and domestic animals  
How birds are unique (feathers, hollow bones, etc.)  
Adaptations such as beaks, feathers, feet, talons, vision, hearing, etc.  
Special emphasis on species found on the South Plains (about 410 species)  
Common native species of mammals and baby mammals  
Special hazards that face wildlife  
Miscellaneous topics such as nests and eggs, owl pellets, baby birds, habitat, food chain, migration, etc.

***WE EMPHASIZE LAWS THAT AFFECT WILDLIFE***

Birds are protected by state and federal laws (Migratory Bird Treaty Act)  
What are protected animals versus threatened or endangered species?  
Why we must have federal and state permits to possess our animals and operate the Center.

***BECAUSE NO LIFE IS TOO LITTLE TO SAVE***