



Wild About Life!

Activity Guide



IN A NUTSHELL

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Cost: No charge

SUBJECTS

Health
Language Arts
Science
Social Studies

The video component of this package consists of four brief segments. The story follows four high school students who are trying to produce an educational film on biodiversity. In the process, they research information on the Internet, review short films dealing with individual species, interview a leukemia patient who has been treated with medicine from a once-endangered plant, and discuss among themselves the importance of protecting biodiversity. Important vocabulary words appear in print on the screen. The accompanying activity guide contains overviews of the four segments along with objectives, key words, and a series of discussion questions and possible answers. The guide also contains ten complete activities, drawn from a number of sources, which can be used as extensions or reinforcement activities to complement the video. Activities include action projects, models, games, and surveys of community attitudes. Illustrations consist of charts, drawings, and photographs. An appendix lists field offices of the United State Fish and Wildlife Service.

Grade Level	4-12
Length	42 pages & video
Date Published	1997

THE BOTTOM
LINE

"Positive tone and message. I would like to see how kids react to these activities."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Open to inquiry.	Does not list field testing information. Presentation is not well balanced.
	Depth	Reflects and includes both local and global scales.	Focus is on large animals; doesn't adequately cover plants, insects, fish or other less charismatic creatures.
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Promotes environmental problem solving.	
	Action Orientation	Gives examples of successful interventions.	Does not include examples of successful action projects.
	Instructional Soundness	Activities appear learner-centered.	Not all activities have goals or objectives listed.
	Usability	Format of curriculum is helpful. Guide and video are easy to use.	Short on background material.

"Most skills come from the Activity Guide. If these activities are not completed, it's just another video."

"Good overview of biodiversity, endangered and threatened species."