



AUDUBON ADVENTURES IN YOUR CLASSROOM

What is Audubon Adventures?

This program is an environmental education curriculum created by the National Audubon Society for grades 3 - 5. Since its inception in 1984, over 7 million youngsters have participated.

Developed by professional environmental educators, it presents standards-based science content about birds, wildlife, and their habitats. It also introduces young people, their families, and their teachers to the fundamental principles by which the natural world functions.

It's an exciting, science-based exploration of those principles at work anchored in nonfiction reading and outdoor and classroom activities that help kids to care for our planet by helping birds and other wildlife.

Additionally, the website – www.audubonadventures.org – provides interactive games, puzzles, and quizzes and topic-related resources for both teachers and students.

How to Use Audubon Adventures

This program can be easily integrated into the existing curriculum areas of science, social studies, mathematics, language arts, and creative arts. The only requirement for implementing Audubon Adventures is an interest in exploring, learning about, and enjoying the natural world around you.

Here are some general guidelines for using the program:

1. Read the “Background for Teachers” essay for the topic. It contains more in-depth information that will help you answer questions and guide students’ exploration of the topic. All content for can be accessed from Topics Central in the Teacher’s Lounge.
2. Familiarize yourself with the “For Kids” content for the topic, which includes:
 - 4-page “magazine” that can be used online, or downloaded and printed
 - online quizzes, games, and puzzles
 - “Eye on the Wild” videos and webcams
 - comprehensive online Naturalist’s Glossary
3. Review the classroom- and field-based hands-on activities in “Teacher-Led Activities” and choose the ones suited to your curricular needs and classroom circumstances.
4. Introduce the topic with a discussion. See “Getting Started” for some suggested discussion questions. Review the vocabulary words for that topic, also found in “Getting Started.” Definitions for all vocabulary words listed can be found in the online Naturalist’s Glossary.
5. With the whole class or in small groups, review and discuss the content and features of the student magazine and other student content that you’ve incorporated into your teaching or that students have explored on their own.
6. Do the hands-on activities you’ve selected, and follow up with review and discussion.
7. Download the Assessment questions and answer key for each topic to use as a tool for evaluating students’ learning experiences with Audubon Adventures.
8. Extend learning with topic-specific print, online, and video resources found in the Naturalist’s Bibliography.

Teacher Resources

[Topic Central](#)

Access to all Audubon Adventures topics and components.

[Bird ID Guide](#)

To identify or learn more about birds, visit Audubon’s Online Guide to North American Birds.

[Audubon Bird Guide App](#)

Named “Resource of the Month” for teachers by Smithsonian, Audubon’s free Bird Guide app for tablets and smartphones is an outstanding educational resource, featuring 831 bird

species and thousands of photos and sounds. Download it from the any app store here. Find tips and tricks for using the app here.

[A Naturalist's Glossary](#)

Student-friendly definitions of specialized vocabulary words.

[A Naturalist's Bibliography](#)

Topic-specific and general books, educational products, websites, and other references for teachers and students.

[Respect Nature as You Study It](#)

Guidelines for in the classroom and in the field.

[Find a Sponsor or a Local Conservation Education Program](#)

Audubon chapters can sponsor Audubon Adventures for local schools, and also offer school-based or field-based education programs.

[Spanish Editions of Audubon Adventures Student Magazines](#)

Download and/or print editions of the Audubon Adventures student magazine in Spanish.

[Audubon Adventures Topic/Price List](#)

Complete list of printed Audubon Adventures classroom and homeschooling items.

[Order Form](#)

Audubon Adventures order form for teachers and parents