

Red Wolf Learning Resources

A Sampling for Teachers, Non-formal Educators, Parents and Students

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Education is an important component of red wolf recovery. Several organizations have developed high-quality learning materials and offer them in a variety of formats.

Teachers, Non-formal Educators, Parents, Students:

How would you like to learn about red wolves?

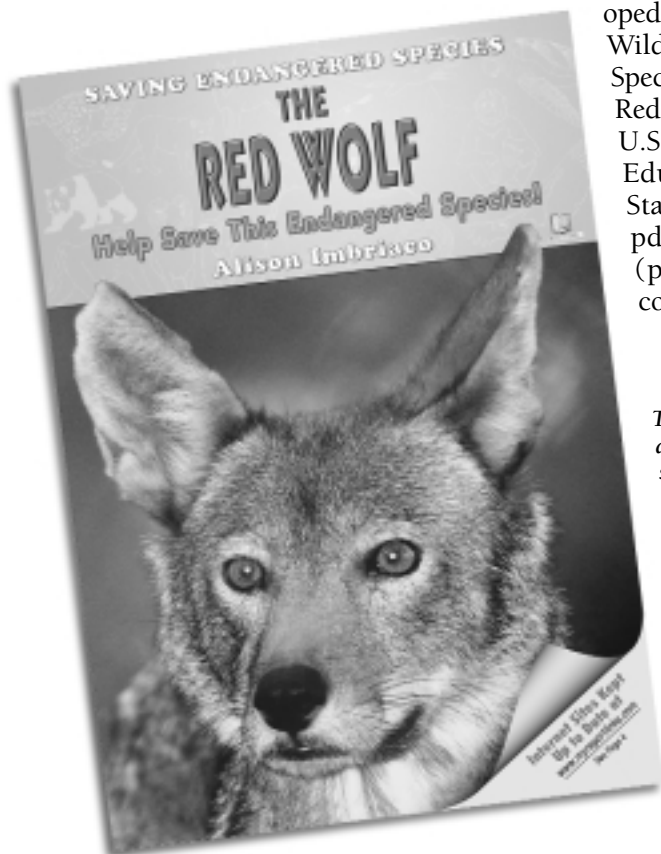
Red Wolf Discovery Box offers “hands-on” experiences for all audiences. It contains a wolf pelt, skull, tracking collar, track cast and inter-

pretive resources. Available from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Call 252-473-1131, ext. 246, or e-mail redwolf@fws.gov.

Far Traveler is a comprehensive activity workbook containing lesson plans, crossword puzzles, word finds, matching challenges and other games to teach about red wolves and how they live. It can be downloaded at no cost from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (see “Red Wolves on the Web” below). A revised edition will be available in 2007.

Red Wolf Species Survival Plan (RWSSP) Educator Packet 2006 contains educational materials developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Red Wolf Species Survival Program, the Red Wolf Coalition and the U.S. Forest Service. Contact Education Advisors Craig Standridge (cstandridge@pdza.org) or Pam Meyer (pmeyer_wcc@onemain.com) for information.

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Books and Videos

The Red Wolf (Wolves and Wild Dogs Series), by Fred Harrington

The Red Wolf (Saving Endangered Species Series), by Alison Imbriaco

Red Wolf Country, by Jonathon London

Gray Wolf/Red Wolf, by Dorothy Patent

Journey of the Red Wolf, by Roland Smith

Return of the Wolf, by Steve Grooms

“Restoration of the Red Wolf,” by Michael K. Phillips, V. Gary Henry, and Brian T. Kelly, chapter 11 in *Wolves: Behavior, Ecology, and Conservation*, edited by L. David Mech and Luigi Boitani

Meant to Be Wild, by Jan DeBlieu

Recovering a Species: The Red Wolf (DVD from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

World Wide Web:

Red wolf lovers of all ages interested in the latest and most in-depth information will find it on the World Wide Web. Here are some not-to-miss sites. The URLs are listed in the textbox below.

Field Trip Earth: Operated by the North Carolina Zoological Society, this Web site has monitored the red wolf recovery program since 2002

and offers stories, photos and video resources about red wolves and the history of the recovery program.

Red Wolf Coalition, International Wolf Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Defenders of Wildlife and Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium Red Wolf Species Survival Program: These organizations provide important facts about red wolves and about the people who work to protect them.

The red wolf barely evaded extinction just a few short years ago. Public education will help ensure that it won't come close again. Click to the Web, visit the library, or contact red wolf experts to learn more—and be sure to share your newfound knowledge with the children in your life. ■

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Red Wolves on the Web

Far Traveler

www.fws.gov/alligatorriver/red%20wolf/rwee.html

Field Trip Earth

www.fieldtripearth.org

Red Wolf Coalition

www.redwolves.com

International Wolf Center

www.wolf.org

Defenders of Wildlife

www.defenders.org

Wild Canid Survival and Research Center

www.wolfsanctuary.org

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Red Wolf Recovery Program

www.fws.gov/alligatorriver/redwolf.html

Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium Red Wolf Species Survival Program

www.pdza.org/page.php?id=296

The Wolf Conservation Center

www.wolfconservationcenter.org

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

www.ncwildlife.org

Thank you, Walter.



For 14 years the International Wolf Center has enjoyed the leadership of a remarkable man.

At a board-staff retreat in early days, we were each asked to select an animal which best represented our role in the organization. Walter Medwid was an eagle, the visionary, flying high, searching out the next delicious possibility. And yet he has also brought to the Center the characteristics of the buffalo in his steady marching forward, the bear in his focus on essential details, and the mouse in his good friendship.

Walter's success as executive director is reflected in the strengths of our staff, the collegiality of the Center's board and the organizational results: hundreds of successful initiatives and credibility in the world of the wolf.

As Walter leaves the Center, we are grateful for these years and the gifts he has shared—energy, intelligence, integrity and friendship.

Fly well, eagle.

