

# LEARN ABOUT WILDLIFE

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**Read** Go to your school or public library and get books on Colorado wildlife. Ask your librarian, teacher, or parents for help. That way you will know more about wild animals when you see them. Don't forget to use your Greenwood bookmark!

**Observe** You can learn a lot by observing wild animals wherever you find them: in your yard, in parks, in the woods, near creeks and ponds, and on your drive to school. Notice where they nest, and what foods they like to eat.

**Listen to experts** Ask your teacher to contact local organizations, including Greenwood, that offer educational programs on wildlife at your school. Greenwood loves to teach about wildlife, and we have plenty of animal artifacts to show off too!

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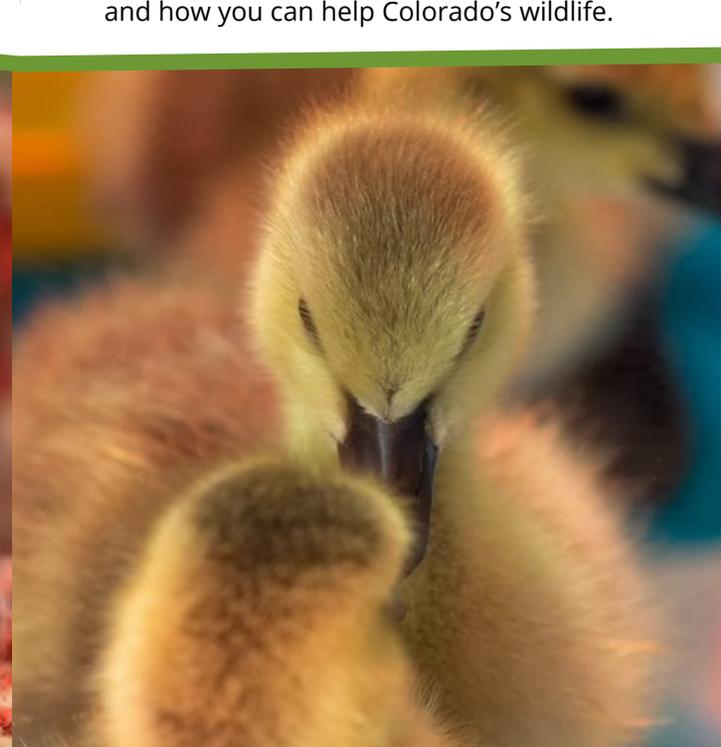
# WILDLIFE TIPS FOR KIDS



## GREENWOOD WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER

Greenwood's mission is to rehabilitate orphaned, injured, and sick wildlife for release into appropriate habitats. We are the largest wildlife rehabilitation center treating mammals, birds, and waterfowl on Colorado's Front Range. We care for thousands of animals annually and over 200 different species have come through our doors since we were founded in 1982.

We also provide outreach programs for people of all ages regarding rehabilitation, humane solutions to human-wildlife conflicts, and how you can help Colorado's wildlife.



# WILDLIFE TIPS

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**Stay On Trails** When hiking, walking, or biking on trails, it's important for you and your pet to stay on the path. These routes were designed to protect wildlife. Ground nesting birds and small mammals may be disturbed if you leave the trail.

**Don't Litter** Always throw garbage in designated bins to protect wildlife from ingesting it or becoming entangled. Be an environmental warrior by picking up other people's trash, too!

**Leave Wild Items** Leave nests, feathers, and eggs alone – it is illegal to disturb or possess them, and some birds reuse their dwellings year after year. Other birds use feathers to keep their young warm.

**Be A Good Neighbor** Look before you climb trees or stick branches into holes – these places could be homes for wildlife.

**Clean Up Fishing Line** If you fish, make sure you tie your lures on tightly so they won't come loose and harm wildlife. Pick up unused fishing line around the lake or pond. Animal legs and wings become tangled in this deadly litter leaving them impaired.

**Watch From A Distance** Watch wildlife, take pictures, or just observe and enjoy, but never chase. You could disturb them in their effort to find food and cause them to use needless energy fleeing from you.

**Do Not Harm** Never use a BB gun, blow darts, or a CO<sup>2</sup> gun on living creatures for target practice. It is cruel and causes animals much unneeded pain and possibly death.

**Keep Cats Indoors** Millions of songbirds and small mammals are killed every year from housecats. Keeping your cat indoors will help keep wild animals safe as well as your cherished pet.

**Create Better Habitats** Build nesting boxes and bird perches to place in your backyard so that birds and squirrels have a safe refuge.

**Do Not Feed** It is illegal to feed carnivores and unwise to feed many other species. Feeding wildlife means that they will identify people as a food provider and will start approaching others for food as well. This presents a danger for people and animals. Human food can also cause harm since it is not often good for animal consumption. Keep trash cans sealed. Do not throw food out the car window. If it lands in the road, animals will get hit by cars when trying to eat it. And remember, if you leave food out for bunnies and squirrels, you might attract other animals you don't want in your backyard.

