Illinois Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Preservation Fund Post-Grant Report

Grant Agreement # 01-047W

Grant Title: Education Loan Boxes

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Mattoon, Illinois 61938

Post-Grant Report

As of 7/1/00, the Douglas-Hart Nature Center had eight (8) education loan boxes available for use by area educators. Titles are: Bats, Birds, Mammals, Worms, Insects, Trees, Wetlands, and Nature Exploration. The Wildlife Preservation Fund grant awarded to Douglas-Hart Nature Center has made possible the addition of three (3) new boxes.

Illinois Prairies, River Otters, and Spring Discovery education loan boxes are the titles that have been created. A variety of resources were utilized to develop high-quality education loan boxes. Attached please find a copy of the contents list for each box along with a photo exhibiting the actual contents.

ILLINOIS PRAIRIES

The Illinois Prairies box contains a wealth of information and materials relative to Illinois Tallgrass Prairies both pre-European settlement and present day. Additional information pertinent to the western prairie was added to compliment classroom ecosystem study as a whole.

RIVER OTTERS

The River Otter box was developed to enhance existing elementary education curriculum and promote the study of LOCAL threatened and endangered species.

SPRING DISCOVERY

The Spring Discovery box incorporates materials, specimens, study aides, and background information valuable for teaching about events occurring in nature "in your own backyard and schoolyard."

All Douglas-Hart Nature Center education loan boxes are available to educators, free of charge, for a two-week period. Transportation of the box to and from the nature center is the educator's responsibility.

More than 40 elementary and secondary schools utilize the many resources available from Douglas-Hart Nature Center. Education loan boxes are excellent compliments to classroom study. They bring learning "alive" for students and make teaching more fun for teachers. In addition, scout leaders find the boxes valuable in completing requirements for merit badges. Finally, the boxes will be used in our "Naturalist in the Classroom" presentations when needed.

A new, updated version of our "Education Services" brochure will be completed this summer and distributed to more than seven hundred schools, organizations, and individuals. Descriptions of the three new education loan boxes will be included.

Expenditures:		
CD-Nature Recordings: Prairie Spring	15.95	
"Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers," Falcon Guide (1)	19.95	
"Wildflowers of the Tallgrass Prairie," Runkel & Roosa (1)	24.95	•
"Tallgrass Prairie," John Madson (1)	25.45	
"The Life of Prairies and Plains," Durward L. Allen (1)	N/C	
"The Prairie," Alison Ormsby (1)	18.95	
"America's Prairies," Frank Staub (1)	18.65	
"The Buffalo," Sabrina Crewe (1)	4.95	
"Bison for Kids," Todd Wilkinson (1)	6.95	
"Bison: Symbol of the American West," Michael S. Sample (1)	8.45	
"Bison," Cherie Winner (1)	7.95	
"Jackrabbit and the Prairie Fire," Susan Saunders (1)	9.95	
"Prairie Dog Town," Bettye Rogers (1)	4.95	
"Discover Baby Animals: Prairie Dog," Sarah Toast (1)	3.95	
"One Day in the Prairie," Jean Craighead George (1)	2.95	
Bison Skull Replica	209.00	
Bison Fur (1 piece)	18.75	
Bison Hooves (2)	2.50	
Bison Horns (2)	22.50	
Bison Tracks (2)	10.95	
Bison Incisor (1)	1.25	
Bison Lower Jaw (1)	6.00	
Bison Rib (1)	5.00	
Bison Leg Bone (1)	3.00	
Bison Ankle Bone (1)	.75	
Badger Fur (1 pelt)	20.50	
Badger Claws (2)	3.00	
Badger Tracks (2)	8.95	
Badger Skull(1)	20.00	
Bison Puppet	22.75	
Prairie Dog Stuffed Animal	11.95	•
Buffalo Head Nickels (2)	1.50	
Bag containing 25 magnifiers	25.00	
Insect view boxes (3)	3.00	
Great Plains Prairie-Jumbo Stamp Image Post Cards	5.95	

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Prairie Stamps "Ottom Under Water " Tim Amaslay	3.40 5.95
"Otters Under Water," Jim Arnosky "Amarina Ottora" Parkara Proposall	5.93
"Amazing Otters," Barbara Brownell	66.00
River Otter Pelt (1)	5.00
River Otter Tail (1)	7.25
River Otter Tracks (2)	7.23 8.95
River Otter Track Mold (1)	
River Otter Skull (1)	69.95
River Otter Puppet (1)	12.00
River Otter Scat (1)	6.95
Spring Wildflower Field Guide-Peterson First Guide	5.95
Spring Wildflower Field Guide-National Audubon Pocket	9.00
Viewing Box (3)	3.00
Magnifying Lenses (12)	12.00
Book: "Robin at Hickory Street"	15.95
Robins in Nest Puppet	8.25
Mother Robin Puppet	5.00
Deer Poster	3.50
Deer Skull	N/C
Deer Tail	1.70
Deer Antler	N/C
Deer Antler Buttons	4.50
Deer Puppet	20.25
Rabbit Poster	3.50
Rabbit Fur	N/C
Rabbit Puppet	17.50
Box Turtle Puppet	9.50
Life Cycle Example	3.00
Book: "The Wide World of Suzie Mallard"	9.00
Mallard Chick Puppet	5.00
(3) Rubbermaid Totes	28.64
(11) Small Plastic Specimen Containers	28.26
Page Protectors	15.99
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(3) 3-ring Binders	22.50
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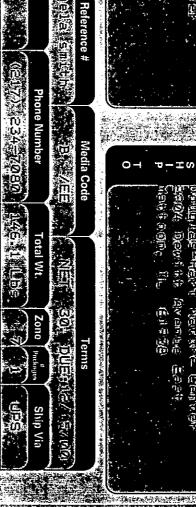
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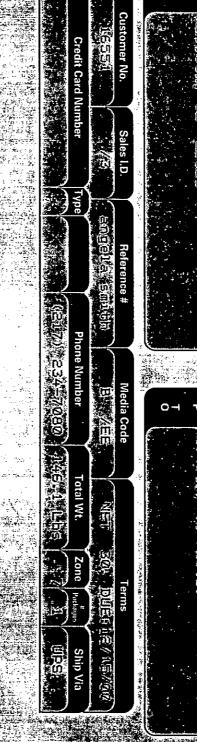
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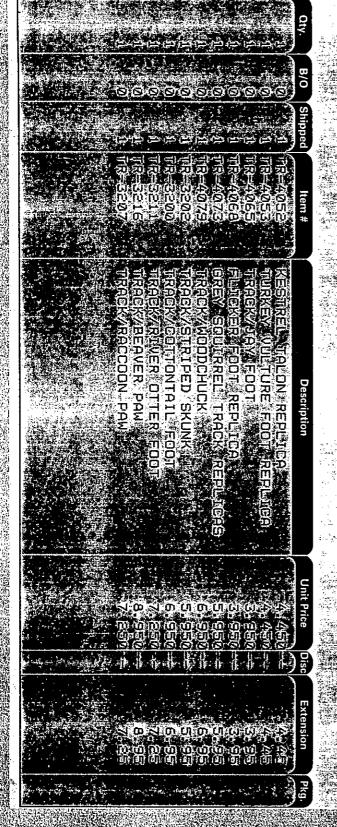


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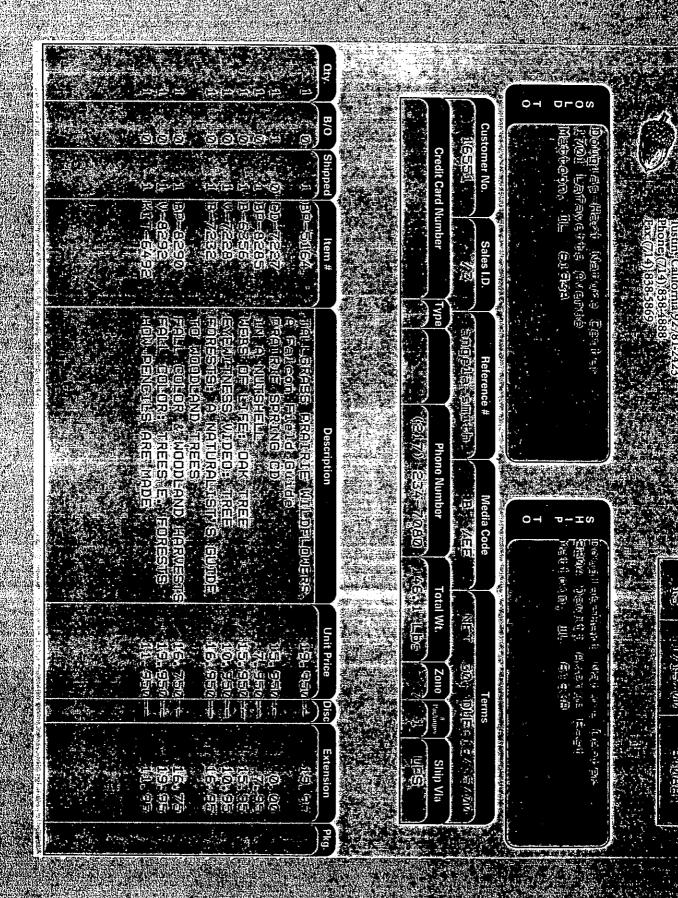
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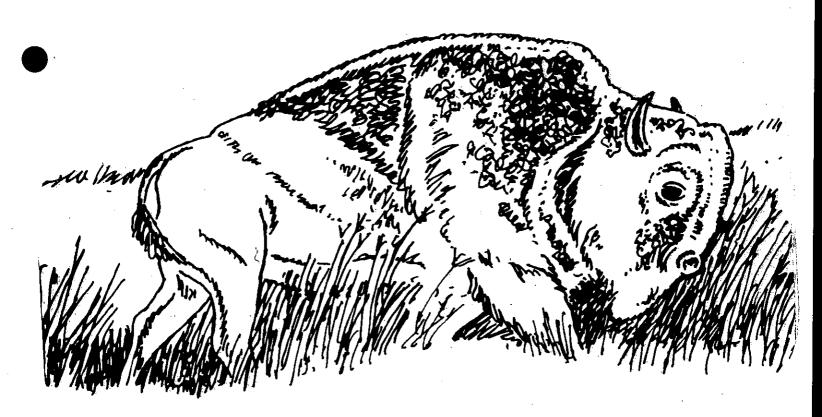


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Illinois Prairies Education Loan Box



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Illinois Prairies Education Loan Box Contents List

Binder:

Prairie Quality Indicators of Illinois (1 set)-front pocket

Prairie Establishment and Landscaping Booklet-back pocket

Bison Pictures (2)

"Billy Bob's Day," Ranger Rick Article (1)

"Back Home on the Range," Nature Conservancy Article (1)

"The Life of a Dog Detective," Ranger Rick Article (1)

"Learning to Live with Prairie Dogs," National Wildlife Article (1)

The Bison-Curriculum

Meet the Buffalo-Curriculum

Bison Information

Badger Information

Illinois Natural Heritage: The Prairie-Curriculum

Prairie Days-curriculum

From Beneath the Ashes-curriculum

Particles and Prairies-curriculum

Gifts of the Buffalo Nation: Educational guide/coloring book

Prairie Rainbow Wings: Story coloring book

Great Plains Prairie Stamp Set

Buffalo Nickel Information

Audio/Visual Component:

NWF/PBS Video-American Buffalo: Spirit of a Nation (1)

NWF/PBS Video-Underdogs: Prairie Dogs Under Attack (1)

CD-ROM-Biodiversity of Illinois Vol. 3: Prairie & Edge Habitats (1)

CD-Nature Recordings: Prairie Spring

Books-Field Guides:

"Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers," Falcon Guide (1)

"Wildflowers of the Tallgrass Prairie," Runkel & Roosa (1)

Books-Reference & Stories:

- "Tallgrass Prairie," John Madson (1)
- "The Life of Prairies and Plains," Durward L. Allen (1)
- "The Prairie," Alison Ormsby (1)
- "America's Prairies," Frank Staub (1)
- "The Buffalo," Sabrina Crewe (1)
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- "Bison: Symbol of the American West," Michael S. Sample (1)
- "Bison," Cherie Winner (1)
- "Jackrabbit and the Prairie Fire," Susan Saunders (1)
- "Prairie Dog Town," Bettye Rogers (1)
- "Discover Baby Animals: Prairie Dog," Sarah Toast (1)
- "One Day in the Prairie," Jean Craighead George (1)

Specimens:

Bison Fur (1 piece)

Bison Skull-Reproduction (1)

Bison Hooves (2)

Bison Horns (2)

Bison Tracks (2)

Bison Track Mold (1)

Bison Incisor (1)

Bison Lower Jaw (1)

Bison Rib (1)

Bison Leg Bone (1)

Bison Ankle Bone (1)

Badger Fur (1 pelt)

Badger Claws (2)

Badger Tracks (2)

Badger Track Molds (2)

Badger Skull(1)

Teacher Packet:

An envelope labeled "teacher packet" includes materials for you to keep and use in your classroom.

Miscellaneous:

Bison Puppet

Prairie Dog Stuffed Animal

Buffalo Head Nickels (2)

Bag containing 25 magnifiers

Insect view boxes (3)

Great Plains Prairie-Jumbo Stamp

Image

Prairie Stamp Post Cards

Envelope containing prairie pictures

Posters (7):

Summer Prairie Wildflowers & Grasses of IL

Hill Prairies of Illinois

Jewels of the Prairie: Blooming Heights

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Jewels of the Prairie: Wet Prairie

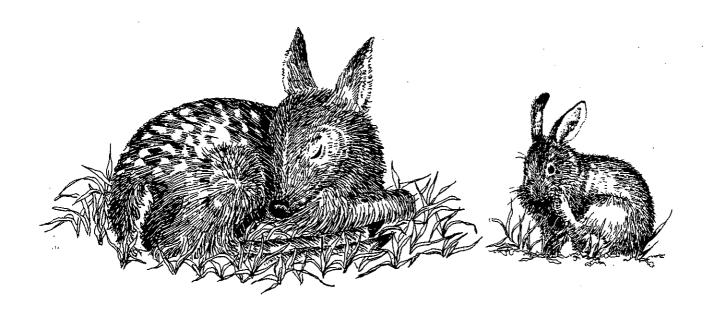
Jewels of the Prairie: Dry Prairie

Grassland Birds of the Midwest

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Spring Discovery Education Loan Box



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Spring Discoveries Education Loan Box Contents List

This loan box contains a variety of information related to springtime discoveries. Feel free to utilize all or part of the box contents to enhance your curriculum.

General Spring Discovery Information

In Binder:

Section I-"Kidnapped"

Section II-Spring Activities

Section III- More Maple Sugar Information

Section IV- Bird Nests/Nesting Materials

Section V- Spring Delights/Wildflowers

In Box:

Nesting Material Bag (example)

Nests of Residential Areas Poster

Spring Wildflower Field Guides (2)

Wildflower Poster

Viewing Box (3)

Magnifying Lenses (12)

American Robin

In Binder:

Informational Sheet

"Looking or Listening?"

"Asleep on the Job!!"

In Box:

Book: "Robin at Hickory Street"

Robins in Nest Puppet

Mother Robin Puppet

Robin Nest

Mallard Duck

In Binder:

"Lube Job"

Coloring Page

In Box:

Book: "The Wide World of Suzie Mallard"

Mallard Chick Puppet

White-tailed Deer

In Binder:

Informational Pages

Coloring Page

Curriculum Guide

In Box:

Book: "Whitetails for Kids"

Deer Poster

Deer Skull

Deer Tail

Deer Antler

Deer Antler Buttons

Deer Scat (1)

Deer Track Mold (1)

Deer Puppet

Eastern Cottontail Rabbit

In Binder:

Informational Page

Coloring Page

Curriculum Guide

In Box:

Rabbit Poster

Rabbit Fur

Rabbit Puppet

Eastern Box Turtle

In Binder:

Informational Page

Coloring Page

Curriculum Guide

In Box:

Eastern Box Turtle Shell

Box Turtle Puppet

Frogs & Toads

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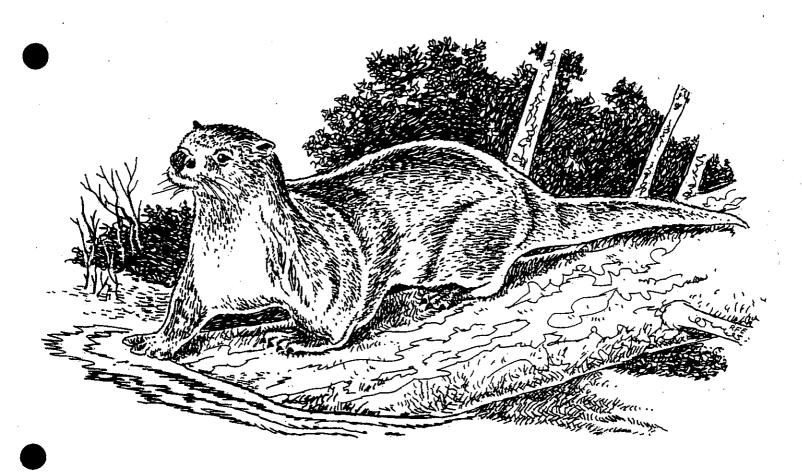
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Life Cycle Example

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River Otter Education Loan Box



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River Otter Education Loan Box Contents List

Binder:

"Welcome Back Otters," Ranger Rick Article
The River Otter in Illinois-status and distribution
North American River Otter Education Packet
The River Otter
North American River Otter Diet
River Otters-information and coloring page
"The Otter," The Kids' Wildlife Book
"Gotta Love River Otters!"-facts, folklore, and stories

Books:

"Otters Under Water," Jim Arnosky "Amazing Otters," Barbara Brownell

Specimens:

River Otter Pelt (1)
River Otter Tail (1)
River Otter Tracks (2)
River Otter Skull (1)
River Otter Repliscat (1)
River Otter Track Molds (2)

Activities:

River Otter Finger Puppet River Otter Coloring Poster

Miscellaneous:

Poster: These Precious Few

Poster: River Otter

Envelope of River Otter Pictures

River Otter Puppet

Otter Food:

Mussel Shells
Crayfish Claws
Snail Shells
Turtle Shells (small=painted turtle, large=snapping turtle)

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Nature center:

receives grant

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This grant will fund the development of three additional education loan boxes.

The nature center now offers nine loan boxes to area educators at no charge. Current topics include birds trees naminals insects worms, bats and nature discovery. Each loan box is designed to "bring teaching alive" in the class room.

They provide teachers with resources to supplement class-room learning that are other wise not accessible. Preserved specimens, study skins and natural history items accompany videos, books, field guides, equipment, posters, puppets and curriculum guides.

The three education boxes a funded by this grant will focus on Illinois prairies, river otters and springtime discoveries.

Each will contain information and materials furthering the study of Illinois resources especially nongame wildlife and native plants. These new kits will be available in September Journal/Gazette Times/Courier

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Director: Angela M. Smith E-Mail Address: dhnature@advant.com

The Douglas-Hart Nature Center offers quality nature programs for students of all ages. These programs offer unforgettable and valuable experiences with nature. Each program is designed to meet specific educational objectives. And, all of our services are free of charge. Please enjoy all that the Nature Center has to offer!

First-Fourth Grade

Curious About Critters

Critters of all shapes and sizes reside at the nature center. We will learn about them and search the woods and pond for their presence.

Terrific Trees

Learn all about trees and their importance to humans and the environment.

Incredible Insects

We will look for and learn about and imitate these not so creepy crawlers.

Pond Life

An opportunity to use dip nets at the pond is always lots of fun! All students spend time collecting critters from the pond. Discussion of each is followed by a big good-bye as they are put back into their habitat. (March-May Only)

Exciting Ecology

Food Chains, interactions, and competition are discussed during this "wild" field trip.

Birds, Birds, Birds!

What more can we say!

Wildlife & Wildlife Signs

Learn about Illinois wildlife and the signs they leave behind. Tracks, scat, and animal homes are identified and explored.

Earth Is Our Home

Students will become conscious of their roles as caretakers of the earth. A series of activities will exhibit our affect on the earth and how we can make our home a better place for the people, plants, and animals that share it.

Guided Trail Hike

This program includes a trail hike through prairie, forest, and pond. Students learn about a "potpourri" of topics as they explore these habitats. An opportunity to feed the pond critters and explore the visitor center are also included.

Education Loan Boxes

Bring teaching alive for students with specimens, puppets, videos, posters, equipment, field guides, and so much more! A comprehensive curriculum guide accompanies each loan box. Choose from seven topics on loan for two-week periods at no charge.

BAT BOX (Kindergarten-Eighth Grade)

Your students will be batty about bats after exploring the contents of this box. A mounted bat specimen, skull, and model are accompanied by a video. Lots of pictures, posters, and curriculum ideas are also included.

BIRD BOX (Kindergarten-Third Grade)

This super box contains bird study skins, feathers, and nests; video and audio tapes; posters, picture files, binoculars, and field guides; seed samples with accompanying seed recipes and feeder suggestions.

WORM BOX (PreSchool-Sixth Grade)

This nature education box contains everything you need to make a lesson on worms, decomposition, composting, or soil complete. In addition to a wealth of curriculum ideas for all ages, this box comes with a working worm ranch.

MAMMAL BOX (Kindergarten-Fourth Grade)

Children will discover the diversity of mammals living in Illinois with fur pelts, bones, picture files, videos, and posters. Animal track molds are also available with this kit upon request.

INSECT BOX (Kindergarten-Sixth Grade)

Get a close-up look at various insects in a mounted collection. Insect homes and signs as well as pictures, posters, and a video provide a bounty of learning opportunities. Ideas for insect exploration in the school yard and classroom are presented in a thorough curriculum guide.

TREE BOX (First-Fifth Grade)

Seeds of all sorts, tree cross sections, and a collection of rubber tree stamps are combined with field guides, magnifying lenses, posters, and an abundance of activities. This box is a great supplement to tree study and arbor day activities.

NATURE WALK BOX (PreSchool-Third Grade)

Everything you need to lead a nature walk around your school yard, through the neighborhood, or to a nearby park or natural area. This box is filled with a hodge podge of nature materials, discovery boxes, magnifying lenses, field guides, games, and activity ideas.