

# Animal Diversity & Adaptations

Grade Range: K - 2nd

Program Length: 45 minutes

Capacity: 35 children; 7 adults  
(for general education classes)

Price: \$ 125

Start Times: 9:30am; 10:45am; 1:00pm; 2:30pm

(please plan to meet the educator in your digital classroom space 15 minutes prior to the program start time)

## Learning Objectives:

Observe and identify similarities and differences between animal taxonomic groups.

## Description:

In this program, your students will explore adaptations that make animals similar or different. A WCS educator will help your class understand characteristics of different animal groups, lead them to make observations while virtually visiting animals at one of our parks, and explore how fur, feathers, and scales help animals survive.

## Skills Practiced:

- Observe animals and draw conclusions about features that make them similar and different
- Using descriptive language to describe the way objects feel and look
- Sort animals into different categories based on physical characteristics

## Program Highlights:

- Meet an animal and virtually visit a WCS park to observe the characteristics that set groups of animals apart from one another
- Engage in interactive games that promote active learning
- Participate in a touch scavenger hunt using items from their homes

## Key Words:

Bird, Mammal, Reptile, Adaptation

## Educational Standards:

### Next Generation Science Standards:

K: K-LS1-1, K-ESS3-3

1st: K-LS1-1.B

2nd: LS4-1