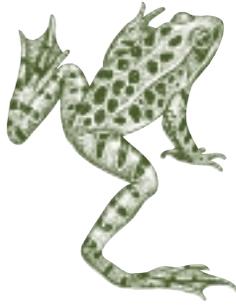


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A SPECIAL ISSUE ABOUT THE
SONORAN DESERT KIDS
WEBSITE!



SONORAN DESERT CONSERVATION PLAN FOR KIDS

Fun Facts: Did You Know?

Bullfrogs are an exotic species and can kill native frogs and fish.

Peregrine Falcons can dive at their prey at almost 200 miles per hour.

The Lesser Long-nosed Bat eats only nectar from Saguaro and other cactus.

Educators in Pima County are joining forces to include young people in the discussion of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. The Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan for Kids outreach and education process will facilitate outdoor experiences and encourage participation and community action with activities and events where children can communicate their visions, goals, and impressions about nature and the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.

Initiated last month with the new Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan Kids Website, the Educators Coalition is growing by the day. Organizations that have been involved in the early stages include: the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Historical Society, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Tohono Chul Park, Tucson Audubon Society, and Tucson Botanical Gardens. These education professionals are working with County staff and Ms. Wendy Burroughs, an Environmental Educator and Wildlife Rehabilitator who is helping to coordinate the Kids Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan Outreach and Public Education effort, to develop curriculum for elementary, middle, and high school students. We will offer teacher-training workshops and distribute curriculum packets. Youth activities and events



The Sonoran Desert Kids page can be found at: www.co.pima.az.us/cmo/sdcp/kids/. The site is designed to be an easily navigated source of information for kids of all ages. At this site you will find: Coloring Pages to print and color; Fact Sheets on all Threatened and Endangered, and Priority Vulnerable Species; Games & Quizzes; Activities - How you can help page; Things to see and do in the Sonoran Desert - links to other sites of interest; Glossary



Fact Sheets on all Threatened and Endangered, and Priority Vulnerable Species (Keystone & Exotic species coming soon). These contain a full color species illustration and basic facts about Habitat, Range, Diet, Reproduction, Status, and Concern in Pima County.



such as hikes, nature crafts, and environmental service projects will take place at recreation centers, after school programs, and youth groups.

People of all ages who are willing to listen, learn and lend a hand are invited to join the process for involving kids in the development of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. To support this effort the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan team created an interactive Sonoran Desert Kids Website that you can visit at www.co.pima.az.us/cmo/sdcp/kids/ to see the progress and participate in the wide range of activities, contests, and projects. The website features species fact sheets, coloring pages, games, quizzes and stories. As the process develops kids in the community will be able to express their preferences for the conservation plan. Enthusiastic youth will join together, creating a Sonoran Desert Kids Club that will meet at local recreation centers and other locations. The whole community will benefit from the creative excitement of Pima County's young citizens through exhibits of drawings, stories, posters, and photographs displayed at museums, galleries, websites, and a variety of places people gather.



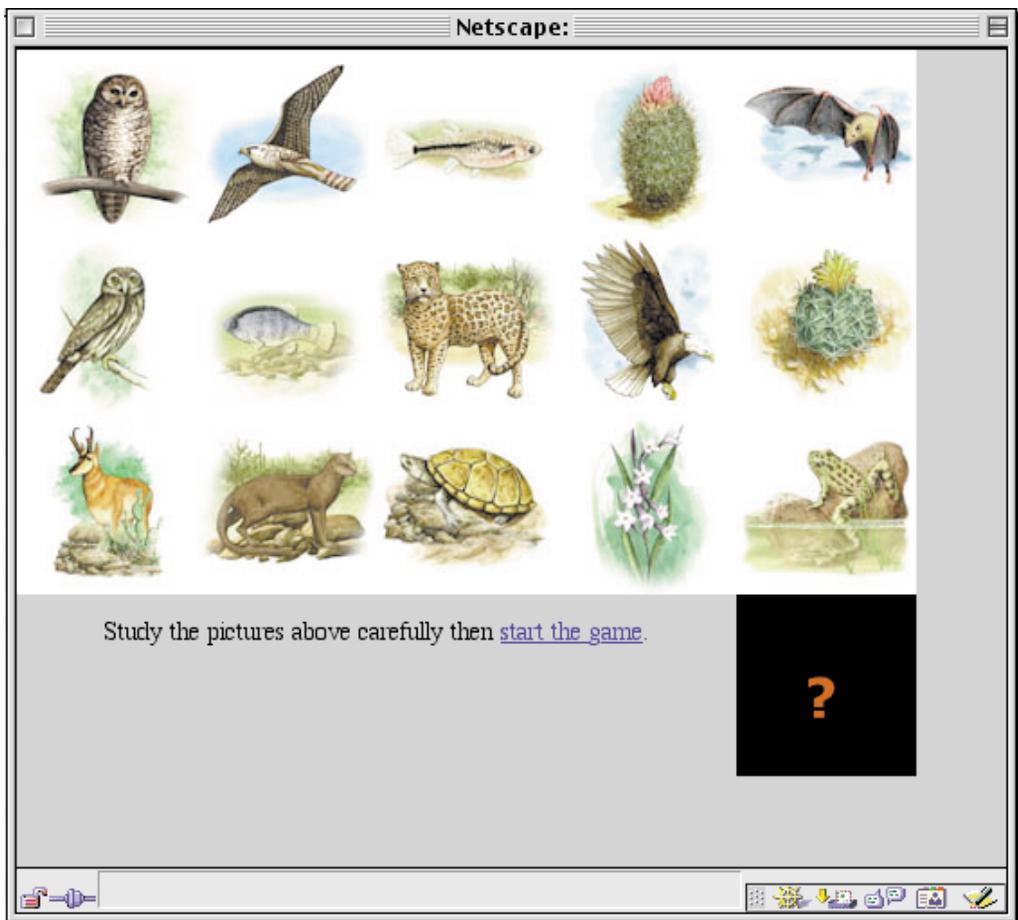
We have Coloring Pages to print and color of all the Threatened and Endangered species in Pima County. The Priority Vulnerable Species will be added soon. What a great way for children to learn about native species.

For more information about how to join the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan for Kids, call (520) 740-8800 or (520) 740-2690 or visit our website now!

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Games & Quizzes section has all sorts of info-tainment - from memory games to map puzzles, from quizzes to sliding tiles games

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