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Sandy Beck, St. Francis Wildlife's educator, has been recognized for her contributions to environmental education:

- 2000 Leon Association of Science Teachers Excellence in Science Teaching Award.
- 2009 Tallahassee Community College Women's History Month honoree as one of the "Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet."
- 2008 & 2011 Florida Magazine Assoc. Charlie Awards for Writing Excellence, Florida Wildlife Magazine.
- 2011, Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle's Woman of Distinction award.

- B.S. Elementary Education, FIU,
- M.S. English Education, FSU
- Florida DOE Professional Educator's Certificate
- Permitted to possess and display wildlife by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Florida FWC, and Georgia DNR.

## Schedule a Wild Classroom program

Contact Education Director, Sandy Beck

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### Program Fees

	Schools & Scouts	Adult Groups
Fewer than 50	\$100	\$150
50 - 99	\$150	\$200
100 - 149	\$200	\$250
150 or more	\$250	\$300

- Each program is 60 to 75 minutes and includes three or more birds and/or reptiles.
- Travel Expense: \$.50 per mile is added for travel between our site & yours.
- For parties, teacher workshops, and special events, please contact us to discuss your special interests and program fees.

### Payment

Payment is due the day of the program. Purchase orders are accepted from public schools.



is a local, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of native wildlife in north Florida through education and the rescue and rehabilitation of injured, orphaned and sick wildlife, since 1978. Each year, we care for 3,000 wild animals, with the goal of returning each to its natural habitat. Unfortunately, some sustain permanent injuries. The Wild Classroom uses these non-releasable "wildlife ambassadors" to help explain the challenges their species face and how we can help.

If you find injured, orphaned or sick wildlife, please contact St. Francis Wildlife at (850)627-4151 or [www.stfranciswildlife.org](http://www.stfranciswildlife.org)

# The Wild Classroom



St. Francis Wildlife Association's innovative education programs feature live wildlife ambassadors and a widely respected environmental educator.

[www.stfranciswildlife.org/Education.html](http://www.stfranciswildlife.org/Education.html)

### What others say —

Beck brings her love and knowledge of wildlife to the children of Tallahassee [who] sit enraptured by the birds and animals.

"Wild birds and wide eyes," *Tallahassee Democrat*

Thank you for the wonderful owl presentations; the children and teachers are still hootin' & hollerin' about it!

Janet Childers, Teacher, DeSoto Trail Elementary

Thank you for providing another outstanding presentation for our participants. There's something magical about seeing your animals up close, and your talks are always so interesting and informative.

Lynn Artz, Chairwoman, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Annual SEEK Conference



Dear Mrs. Beck,

I loved the barred owl the best. I loved when he hooted. I was surprised. It was so exciting. I will never forget it. I want to be a wildlife teacher.

Sarah,  
Grade 4, Springwood Elem.



# Wild Classroom Programs

Learning takes flight with unique wildlife programs that educate, entertain, are aligned with Florida Standards, and can be adapted to meet the needs and interests of a variety of ages and audiences.

## What You Can Do to Help Wildlife

Live, native birds and reptiles help teach about their species, habitat problems and specific actions we can take to help wildlife.

## Talon Talk

Meet 4 magnificent birds of prey — 2 hawks and 2 owls. Dive into the characteristics that define all raptors. Learn how each is perfectly adapted to survive in its particular habitat and what we can do to help them.

### If I were in a barn owl's ear

I could hear another owl's flight, fire on the sun, fish swimming in the ocean, a waterfall flowing, the earth spinning and the moon orbiting around the earth.

George, Chaires Elementary



## Wild Poetry

Experiment with new poetic techniques as you make the connection between

observing nature and writing about it. Perched raptors awaken hidden talents and provide inspiration for writing and illustrating original poems. Grade 3 to Adult.

## Tigers in the Sky — Owls

A rare encounter with three native owls — the Great Horned, Barn and Screech Owls, whooo demonstrate the extraordinary adaptations that make them spectacular nocturnal hunters.

## Whooo Ate Whoom? A Hands-on Food Chain Workshop

Follow a *Tigers in the Sky* — Owls program with this hands-on workshop. Students learn how owl pellets are formed, dissect Barn Owl pellets, and then reconstruct and label skeletons of the owl's prey, which they take home. Pellets available from us, or purchase at pellet.com. We supply all other materials and extension lessons.

## Reading With Owls

Pre-K through first-grade students become ENRAPTORED when an owl puppet helps read a storybook about owls. Then children meet and learn about three live owls. The puppet will make the transition to the real birds smoother so children can respect and appreciate these predators without fearing them.



## Amazing Adaptations

Through careful observation of live birds and reptiles and hands-on examination of skulls, shells, feathers and talons, students learn about the unique physical and behavioral traits that enable wild species to survive.

## Teacher Workshops

With live raptors  
Teachers work through and take home innovative, multidisciplinary lessons aligned with Florida Standards that will engage their students and develop critical and creative thinking skills.

### Tigers in the Sky

—Owls capture imaginations and provide inspiration for a plethora of multi-disciplinary lessons.

**Wild Words for Wild Wings** — Includes an introduction to bird watching, a field experience and nature journaling. Lessons combine science, math, language arts, visual arts and technology to create an impressive product: an original, collaborative field guide to local, native birds. Binoculars and field guides provided.

## Club Meetings, Special Events & Parties With a Purpose

In an entertaining one-hour program, learn about live, native hawks and owls as well as the valuable services that St. Francis Wildlife has provided for four decades as north Florida's oldest and largest wildlife rehabilitation center.

