

Fernbank Science Center

Title:Georgia Animals & Habitats (2304)Type:OutreachLevel:Grade 3Length:60 MinutesLocation:Local SchoolLimit:One class

Program Description:

Students will explore different habitats across Georgia and learn about the wildlife that live there. The Instructor will use maps, video and mounted specimens to introduce students to animals in each region of the state. Working in small groups students will identify three different species of pine tree and plot the range of each species on a map of Georgia.

Georgia Standards of Excellence – Life Science

S3L1. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the similarities and differences between plants, animals, and habitats found within geographic regions (Blue Ridge Mountains, Piedmont, Coastal Plains, Valley and Ridge, and Appalachian Plateau) of Georgia.

- a.) Ask questions to differentiate between plants, animals, and habitats found within Georgia's geographic regions.
- b.) Construct an explanation of how external features and adaptations (camouflage, hibernation, migration, mimicry) of animals allow them to survive in their habitat.

Vocabulary

habitat wetland
Piedmont range
Coastal Plain

Previst Activity

Students should be familiar with a map of Georgia and be able to locate the Atlantic Ocean and the physiographic regions of the state. The map pictured on the back of the science text HSP Georgia Science for Grade 3 is well-suited for this purpose.

Post Visit Activity:

Research and learn more about the animals discussed in the presentation: eastern mole, short-tailed shrew, coyote, green tree frog, fiddler crab, snowy egret, black bear, ovenbird, gopher tortoise and American alligator.

Resource:

Georgia HSP Science, Grade 3: pgs. 260-289

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