

# Wildlife Resources

## Wildlife Station Learning Goals

1. Understand what National Wildlife Refuges are and what the Endangered Species Act is.
2. Understand why monarch butterflies are declining.
3. Understand how native vs non-native plants support the wildlife food web.
4. Native Minnesota snakes identification and venomous vs nonvenomous characteristics.
5. Native Minnesota waterfowl species identification.

## Suggested Resources

### National Wildlife Refuges:

- Conserving the Future  
<https://www.fws.gov/refuges/pdfs/FinalDocumentConservingTheFuture.pdf>  
(Introduction, pages 19-29)
- The Endangered Species Act: 40 Years at the Forefront of Wildlife Conservation  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DojGPBV4U0w>

### Monarch Butterfly:

- Conservation Connect: Monarchs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jweYV6r3M8o>
- The Monarch Butterfly Story <https://www.fws.gov/cno/es/Monarch/Monarch.cfm>

### Supporting Wildlife Food Webs

- Why Native Plants are Important <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UonRPIea48Y>

### Snake Biology and Identification:

- Snakes and Lizards of Minnesota  
[http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural\\_resources/animals/reptiles\\_amphibians/snake\\_lizard\\_mn.pdf](http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural_resources/animals/reptiles_amphibians/snake_lizard_mn.pdf)

### Waterfowl Identification:

- Ducks at a Distance <https://www.fws.gov/uploadedfiles/ducks%20at%20a%20distance-ocr.pdf>