

Ontario Wildlife Foundation Funding Final Report – July, 2023

**August 2022 to July 2023**

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We are grateful for the funding received from the Ontario Wildlife Foundation for our Conservation Crate expansion project. We not only met, but exceeded our goals set out to reach thousands of students across Ontario with our conservation education resources. Thank you – and we look forward to what the next school year of the Conservation Crate program brings.

**Conservation Crate Budget Overview:**

Funding received from OWF	+	\$14,694.00
Crate Content Expenses August to December 2022	-	\$7,480.65
Shipping Expenses August to December 2022	-	\$2,166.47
Crate Content Expenses January to June 2023	-	\$1,129.95
Shipping Expenses January to June 2023	-	\$3,916.93
<b>Final Balance</b>		<b>0</b>

**Deliverables Accomplished:**

- Assembled four new complete crates for grade 1 (birding) - increasing the total number of crates from 4 to 8
- Assembled four new complete crates for grade 2 (wildlife) - increasing the total number of crates from 4 to 8
- Assembled four new complete crates for grade 4 (fishing) - increasing the total number of crates from 4 to 8
- Added new content to all grade 1 (birding) crates
- Added new content to all grade 2 (wildlife) crates
- Assembled 4 new complete crates for JK/SK (exploring)

**Conservation Crate Usage Overview:**

	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 4	Grade 6	Grade 7	TOTAL
FALL 2022							
Number of Students	-	449	417	518	221	319	<b>1,924 Students</b>
SPRING 2023							
Number of Students	521	1,751	1,825	1,473	981	672	<b>7,223 Students</b>
<b>2022/2023 School Year TOTAL</b>							<b>9,147 Students</b>

As per our initial application, we had anticipated reaching 7,680 students with our Conservation Crates during the 2022 / 2023 school year – we have exceeded that number by 1,467 students.

The following are just a few of the many comments we received regarding the Conservation Crates this school year:

*"I think that this is a great program and I really liked having these materials that I would not normally have access to."  
Chantelle McGuire, Grade 6, St. Thomas More Catholic School, Toronto.*

*"The information enclosed is very clear and concise. It inspired a number of students to ask their families to fish!"  
Lori Gummer, Grade 4, Hillcrest Public School Campbellford.*

*"Loved all the activities! Very well thought out and went well with the curriculum."  
Jenn Plenderlieth, South Meadow Elementary, Kindergarten, Hamilton.*

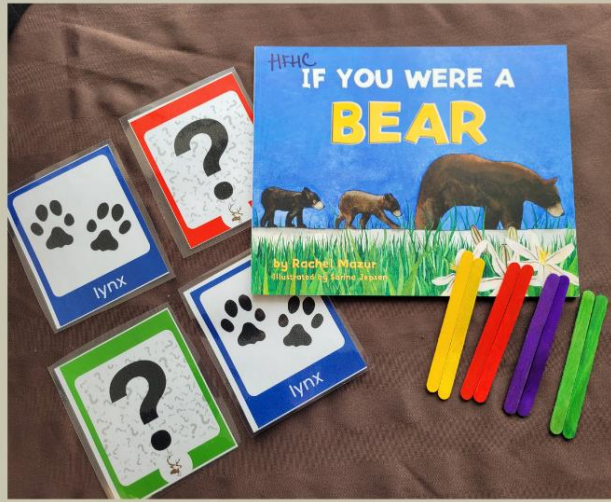


← **Image 1:** Grade 7 student trying out a pot & striker turkey call, Open Roads Public School, Dryden ON.



→ **Image 2:** Grade 2 students learning about mammals and their pelts, Charles C. McLean Public School, Gore Bay, ON.

# What's Inside?



**CONSERVATION  
CRATE**



**EXPLORING**



**KINDERGARTEN**

