

Create and Submit Your Special Species Project

Steps

1. **Come up with a theme your class would like to explore.**
- Your theme can be about a native plant, animal, habitat, or combination of these. It can be a habitat around your school or around the world.
- To see what other classes have done, visit **View Kids' Projects** or order a **Special Species book**.
 - Be as creative as you would like with **classroom activities and ideas**.

Please email Ms. B with any questions along the way.

2. **Find a volunteer to work with your class.**
- Choose someone with proven knowledge in science, nature, or the environment. You may have someone in mind. If not, read about **Finding an Advisor**.

3. **Create the project content.**
- Have your students write and draw what they have learned after they have
- Had a visit from their advisor, or
 - Gone on a field trip, or
 - Interacted with a volunteer advisor in some other way.

Read **Art and Text Guidelines** to find out the best way to prepare their submissions.

4. **Complete and print out the project forms.**
- We only use the **Teacher Registration Form** to communicate with you. We do not sell or otherwise provide information about you to anyone.
- Print out the **Parent Permission Form** and send one home with each child. Important: We cannot use any child's work without this signed form on file.
- Ask your advisor to complete the **Advisor Form** and include it with your submission. This enables us to thank the volunteer for helping your class.
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- 5. Have your students write a bibliography of any sources they used to augment their advisor's help.**
- Sources may include Web sites, books, CD-ROMs, magazines, or other periodicals. We publish this bibliography on this Web site, along with your submission, to help other teachers get started with their students. It also helps prevent student plagiarism.
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- 6. Mail your submission (original materials please) and all supporting forms.**
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