
PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

2016 Library Programs

Jan Everything Colorado

Tardigrades prowl our mosses, and mooses wander our willows. We have unique butterflies, tiny orchids, rare ferns, wondrous forests, expansive steppes, and magnificent meadows. You can find Colorado's wildlife in state or national forests, state or national parks. "Everything Colorado" will explore an entire state as you've never imagined it.

General subject: *a fast-paced overview of the entire year's programming, which means a little bit of everything as a preview of what's to come.*

Photo needs: *at least one image from all the main categories and one image from as many of the subcategories as possible.*

Notes:

Feb Planting Colorado: Everything about the Canvas on Which Life is Painted

Plants provide what we need and much we enjoy, including the lifescapes that support other animals: grazing bighorn sheep, pollinating bumblebees, seed-stashing nutcrackers. "Planting Colorado" — just as looking for birds is birding, looking for plants is "planting!" — will detail our plant richness and how plants sustain the animals we love.

General subject: *plant diversity and distribution in Colorado.*

Photo needs: *at least one image of a species from all major plant groups in Colorado plus one image of all the major plant communities in Colorado.*

Notes:

Mar Elbow Room: Everything about Going Afield and Getting to Where You're Going

Knowing about Colorado wildlife is one thing; accessing it is quite another. Private land, rules and regulations, licenses and permits, seasonal closures, and various other details can stand between you and the wildlife you seek. "Elbow Room" will present details about what wildlife lives where and how to find it.

General subject: *public lands and legal access for finding wildlife.*

Photo needs: *at least one image of the signs for all the national parks, national forests, state parks, and a sampling of state wildlife areas, county areas, and municipal areas.*

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Apr Pathogens to Pollinators: Everything about Our Littlest Wildlife

Giardias will make you sick; tardigrades will make you smile: such is the influence of tiny wildlife. Smallness can filter perception and awareness, discovery and comprehension from our individual wildlife experiences. But little does not mean unimportant; it means exerting more specialized effort to encounter and to engage it personally.

General subject: open with quick listing of well-known but not necessarily understood wildlife such as mosquitos and ticks then using them as a springboard to launch into a review of Colorado's diversity of tiny wildlife including some aquatic groups.

Photo needs: a lot of macroimages and microimages of worms, snails, insects, crustaceans, arachnids, sponges, tardigrades, and others.

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May Camping and Hiking, Fishing and Hunting: Everything about the Pursuit of Wildlife

General subject: how to go afield by season to find wildlife year round and what equipment is needed to find wildlife successfully.

Photo needs: to be determined

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Jun Elks and Bears, Mooses and Mushrooms: Everything about Our Biggest Wildlife

General subject: overview of Colorado's largest species in all the major wildlife groups with special attention to the more familiar groups, including distribution, population sizes, specific behaviors.

Photo needs: at least one image of each large mammal, bird (Turkey, White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, eagles, Great Horned Owl), Honey Mushroom, state champion trees (tallied according to three size measurements), fishes (Lake Trout, Tiger Muskie, Wiper, Colorado Pike-Minnow).

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Jul Places of Detail: Everything about Where to Learn about What to Look For

General subject: places where people can learn about wildlife such as aquariums, botanic gardens, museums, and zoos.

Photo needs: at least one image of the entrance and entrance sign for each facility mentioned plus images of the facility's interior.

Notes:

Aug You Gotta Love a Frog: Everything about Those that Swim, Hop, Lumber, or Slither

General subject: amphibian and reptile diversity and distribution in Colorado.

Photo needs: at least one image of a species from all major amphibian, turtle, and squamate (lizards and snakes) groups in Colorado plus images of specialized places where some species live.

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Sep Symbiosis: Everything about Finding People Who Share Your Passion

General subject: wildlife -oriented clubs and organizations open to public membership.

Photo needs: images of the wildlife specific to each group plus people on field trips, doing research in the field or having just caught some wildlife.

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Oct On the Wing: Everything about Birds and Birding

General subject: bird diversity and distribution in Colorado.

Photo needs: at least one image of a species from all major bird groups in Colorado plus images of specialized places where some species live.

Notes:

Nov Celebrating Life: Everything about Wildlife Festivals

General subject: events that focus on public participation in seeing, learning about, and engaging wildlife such as Georgetown's Bighorn Sheep day and Monte Vista's Sandhill Crane festival.

Photo needs: at least one image of each species with a festival or celebration devoted to it plus locations where the events are held and signs, banners, or other material that promotes the event.

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Dec Whiskers, Hooves, and Antlers: Everything about Mammals and Mammaling

General subject: mammal diversity and distribution in Colorado.

Photo needs: at least one image of a species from all major mammal groups in Colorado plus images of specialized places where some species live.

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