Endangered Species Day Arts and Crafts

What is Endangered Species Day?

Endangered Species Day is a day to learn about and celebrate all the great animal and plant species on our planet, especially those currently endangered or threatened. First held in 2006, it emphasizes the importance of our wildlife and demonstrates everyday actions people can take to protect endangered species and their habitats. This year, it falls on Friday, May 16th, 2025, and people worldwide will participate in activities related to Endangered Species throughout May.

Why arts & crafts?

Arts and crafts are a great way to celebrate Endangered Species Day and engage our creativity, for both adults and parents, caretakers, and teachers who want to organize activities that are fun for kids and help them learn about the importance of protecting wildlife.

What should I do?

Check out our list of endangered species arts and crafts below and pick one (or more) that you think would work for you, your community, your family, or your classroom. Do these activities during the week leading up to May 16th or anytime in May. We encourage you to share photos of your project on social media with the hashtag #EndangeredSpeciesDay.

Arts & Crafts List

- 1. Endangered Species coloring book pages and more. Check out the Endangered Species Day Activity Book by clicking here. This activity book can be printed out and has coloring pages of endangered species, including educational information about where the species live and what threats they face. The activity book also includes a maze, crossword puzzle, and word search.
- 2. **Decorate animal masks of endangered species.** At https://www.endangered.org/masks/, you can find templates for blank masks that can be printed and colored in. The different species include bears, tigers, lions, and more.
- **3. Make seed bombs.** Seed bombs are a fun and easy project and allow you to plant native wildflowers in your yard! Learn more about seed bombs <u>here</u>, including a step-by-step video.
- **4. Use recycled materials for great crafts.** See this list of 34 crafts you can make with recycled materials, all related to the environment.
- **5.** Create a diorama of an endangered species and their habitat. Kids can research, read, or learn about an endangered species and then create a diorama depicting that species in its natural habitat. All you need is a shoebox and some basic art materials! Learn more about dioramas here.
- 6. Participate in our Endangered Species Chalk Art Event. Find out more here