



Centre for Rehabilitation of Wildlife

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Education is key to
conservation



Introduction

At CROW, we believe that conservation starts with education. For over 12 years, our outreach has reached more than 180,000 learners, on-site and in classrooms across urban and rural communities. Led by our Education Officer, each session is interactive, age-appropriate, and aligned with South African curriculum goals, inspiring young minds to care for our natural world. Through this work, we are educating the next generation of conservation champions who understand the challenges our wildlife faces and are inspired to take action in their own communities.



Why education matters

Teaching the younger generation about the environment is crucial for raising awareness of global challenges like climate change, deforestation, and pollution, as well as increasing cases of human-wildlife conflict. It cultivates sustainable habits and equips them with the tools to address these issues responsibly.

- **Builds environmental awareness and responsibility**
- **Encourages sustainable habits**
- **Prepares future leaders for environmental challenges**





Programme overview



**Education centre at
CROW**



Outreach to schools



**Curriculum aligned and
age appropriate**

CROW's environmental education programme aims to foster environmental awareness by providing learners with practical knowledge and hands-on experiences about wildlife rehabilitation and environmental conservation.

Learners and schools can visit our Education Centre at CROW premises as well as our education officer travels to school directly

Who it is for



Grade R–3:
Curious young minds exploring nature



Grade 4–6: Learners ready to connect
environmental concepts with their daily
lives



Grade 7–9: Critical thinkers exploring
real-world conservation challenges



Educators: Teachers seeking learning
opportunities to enrich teaching



School communities seeking local
conservation partnerships



Special interests groups that are
interested in wildlife talks





Courses we offer

Our education programme offers a range of courses focused on wildlife rehabilitation and environmental conservation. Each course explores different aspects within these themes, giving participants a well-rounded understanding of the work we do and the impact it has.

Protecting wildlife together

CROW wildlife rescue

Living with monkeys

Understanding snakes

Balance of nature

Animal homes & adaptations

Ecosystems and food chains

Role of wetlands

Caring for our planet

Explore nature @ reserve

Manage our waste

Protect nature from litter

Grade R - 3

Grade 4 - 6

Grade 7 - 9

At CROW

At school

R60 per learner

Protecting wildlife together

CROW wildlife rescue

This course introduces learners to the work of CROW and its role in rescuing and rehabilitating wild animals. Learners will learn the importance of treating wild animals differently from pets and explore simple actions they can take to protect and care for wildlife. Through interactive discussions, visuals, and activities, learners will learn to recognize wild animals and know what to do if they find an injured animal.



Interactive presentation
(45 min)



Tortoise camp @ CROW
Activity @ school



One educator free for
every 10 learners



Grade R - 3

Grade 4 - 6

Grade 7 - 9

At CROW

At school

R60 per learner

Protecting wildlife together

Living with monkeys

This course introduces learners to vervet monkeys and how to live safely with them. Through simple explanations, fun visuals, and hands-on activities, students will learn what vervet monkeys are, where they live, and what they like to eat in nature. They will discover why it's important not to feed monkeys, and that monkeys should never be kept as pets. By the end of the lesson, they will know what to do when they see a monkey



Interactive presentation
(45 min)



Activity @ CROW
Activity @ school



One educator free for
every 10 learners



Grade R - 3

Grade 4 - 6

Grade 7 - 9

At CROW

R60 per learner

Protecting wildlife together

Understanding snakes

Learners will explore the world of snakes and learn what makes a snake different from other animals, where snakes live, what they eat, and how to stay safe when they see one. Through pictures, stories, and fun activities, students will discover that snakes are not scary. At the end of the lesson, students will get the chance to meet real snakes in a safe and supervised way. They can even touch a snake if they feel comfortable. This hands-on moment helps children build confidence, curiosity, and care for the natural world.



Interactive presentation
(45 min)



Activity @ CROW



One educator free for
every 10 learners

Grade R - 3

Grade 4 - 6

Grade 7 - 9

At CROW

At school

R60 per learner

Balance of nature

Animal homes and adaptations

This course introduces learners to four different animal habitats: desert, ocean, savanna, and forest. And they will learn how animals are specially adapted to survive in each one. They will examine the climate and vegetation of each environment, identify animals that live there, and discover how physical and behavioral adaptations help them thrive.



Interactive presentation
(45 min)



Activity @ CROW
Activity @ school



One educator free for
every 10 learners



Grade R - 3

Grade 4 - 6

Grade 7 - 9

At CROW

At school

R60 per learner

Balance of nature

Ecosystems and food chains

In this course, learners explore the African savanna as a living ecosystem. They learn how plants, animals, the sun, and rain all depend on each other. Students examine the role of producers, herbivores, carnivores, and decomposers. They build understanding of food chains and how each part of the system is connected. By the end, students can describe a savanna food chain and explain how losing one species can affect the whole ecosystem.



Interactive presentation
(45 min)



Activity @ CROW
Activity @ school



One educator free for
every 10 learners



Grade R - 3

Grade 4 - 6

Grade 7 - 9

At CROW

R60 per learner

Balance of nature

Role of wetlands

Learners will explore the amazing world of wetlands and why they matter. They will learn what wetlands are and identify animals and plants that call wetlands home. Through engaging stories, visuals, and activities, students will understand how animals are adapted to wetland life, how wetland plants help keep the water clean, and why wetland soil is so special. The lesson also covers threats to wetlands, such as pollution and habitat loss, and gives students ways they can help protect the wetlands.



Interactive presentation
(45 min)



Activity @ CROW



One educator free for
every 10 learners



Grade R - 3

Grade 4 - 6

Grade 7 - 9

At CROW

R80 per learner



Caring for our planet

Explore nature @ Kenneth Stainbank

Join our Education Officer for a guided nature walk through Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve, located right next to CROW. Along the way, students learn about the indigenous flowers, plants, and animals that call the reserve home, and gain a deeper understanding of the local ecosystem and its conservation value. The fee includes the entrance into the nature reserve.



Nature walk @ Kenneth
Stainbank (60 min)



One educator free for
every 10 learners

Grade R - 3

Grade 4 - 6

Grade 7 - 9

At CROW

At school

R60 per learner

Caring for our planet

Manage our waste

In this course, learners will learn about waste, why it's a problem and how we can manage it responsibly. They are introduced to different types of waste such as: solid, organic, recyclable, hazardous and electronic. Learners will also learn about where waste goes after we throw it away and its practical ways to reduce waste in their daily lives. We will touch on sorting, composting, and applying the 3R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. By the end, learners will be able to explain how waste affects the planet and how they can help as waste heroes.



Interactive presentation
(45 min)



Activity @ CROW
Activity @ school



One educator free for
every 10 learners



Grade R - 3

Grade 4 - 6

Grade 7 - 9

At CROW

At school

R60 per learner

Caring for our planet

Protect nature from litter

In this course, learners explore how litter affects wild life and natural environments. They learn to identify common types of waste, understand how it harms animals and discover how they can help protect nature through responsible actions like reducing, reusing and recycling. Through interactive discussions, visuals, and activities, learners will hear real stories from CROW and see the powerful images that bring them to life.



Interactive presentation
(45 min)



Activity @ CROW
Activity @ school



One educator free for
every 10 learners



Get involved today

Join us in shaping a generation that cares deeply for our planet. Whether you are an educator, parent, or community leader, CROW's Education Programme offers meaningful, curriculum-aligned experiences that connect learners to nature and conservation.

We also warmly welcome volunteers who share our passion for wildlife and education. Whether you're keen to assist with programmes, events, or behind-the-scenes support, your time and energy can make a real difference.

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