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# Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge

## Junior Ranger Book

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## Bring the Refuge Home!

Below is a list of some things you can do to attract wildlife while also taking care of the planet!

What are your ideas?

1. Plant a Tree, Milkweed, or Native Plant

2. Pick up Litter

3. Put up a Hummingbird Feeder

4. Clean up Trash

5. Remove Non-Native Plants

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Great Blue Heron



Turkey Vulture



Eastern Meadowlark



Mourning Dove



Mallard Duck

Welcome to Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge! We encourage you to complete this journal near the Visitor Center and on the hiking trails.





Remember that this is a Wildlife Refuge, we take only **pictures** and leave only **footprints!**

## Tracking

How can you tell where animals have been? By looking for mud, of course! And why would we look in the mud for animals? All wildlife at our refuge can leave **tracks** in the mud.

It can be difficult at first to tell what animals made what tracks. If you study the tracks, you will start to notice some things: the points on the top of the toes have points (claws), the size, and the shape. What animals would need these different features or adaptations?

Can you match these animals to their tracks? Test out your tracking skills on the following page!

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Coyote, Turkey, Beaver, Black Bear, Bobcat, Deer, Raccoon, Hog, and Duck.

Find the answers on page 11.

## Backyard Birding

Be on the lookout for these common birds.



Northern Cardinal



Eastern Bluebird





American Crow



Red-Winged Blackbird

My Favorite Item!



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- What did the wetlands center used to be?

- What is a Ramsar site?

- Can you name 3 others than Caddo Lake NWR?

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## Scavenger Hunting

Enter the **Dwight Shellman Ramsar Wetlands Center** just East of the Visitor Center. Do your best to find the following:

- Fun Fact about the Alligator Snapping Turtle

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## Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is located just south of the headquarters office, follow the brown signs. The Visitor Center is full of wildlife and history!





Find your favorite item, on the touch table or any of the wildlife in the cabinets and draw it on the next page.

