

## WILDLIFE JUDGING

Wildlife Judging trains young people in decision making skills related to Wildlife Management. 4-H members learn:

- To determine wildlife management practices needed for a given situation.
- To match foods to the different species of wildlife which eat them.
- To match the different habitats used by each species of wildlife.

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**Eligibility:** See the Grade Eligibility for Judging Team Table at the end of this section.

### **General Rules:**

The contest has three parts. In Part 1, members are taken to a site to judge. They will evaluate the site and determine the wildlife management practices that are needed for each individual species of wildlife. This should include a pond for aquatic species. Members then place sites marked on aerial photo's for each species of wildlife in Part II. In Part III, members are given wildlife foods and asked to determine which species of wildlife will eat each of the foods.

### **State Contest:**

The State Contest will take place in conjunction with the State Forestry Judging Contest in the early summer at a location to be announced. The top four placing teams from the Region Contest will qualify for this contest.

### **National Contest or Tour:**

The top placing team in the State Contest will participate in the National Contest. The National Contest takes place in August and the site rotates across the country.

