

GEORGIA 4-H WILDLIFE JUDGING

CONTEST OVERVIEW

Refer to the Georgia 4-H Wildlife Judging Guidelines (revised Winter 2025) for all official rules.

Ecoregion Information

Only use information about the **Southeast Mixed and Outer Coastal Plain Forest** ecoregion. Seniors study all 22 species; Juniors only study 10 species (see p. 5 in the Ga Manual).

1 Wildlife Challenge - 50 points

The Wildlife Challenge consists of two parts: a written knowledge test (Activity 1-A) and specimen identification (Activity 1-B). Juniors have 35 test questions and 15 specimens. Senior have 30 test questions and 20 specimens.

2 Practices - 50 points

Management recommendations in Activity 2 should consider each species listed separately. Juniors will evaluate the site for 4 species and the number of recommendations per species will be provided. Seniors will evaluate the site for 6 species.

3A Management Plan - 125 points

This is a team activity! Youth work together to create a wildlife management plan, given the site and scenario. Junior teams use the template (Appendix B) and answer the questions about 1 species: the barred owl, eastern cottontail, American alligator, largemouth bass, or American bumblebee. Senior teams are provided 3 pieces of paper to write a plan (2 pages) and sketch an aerial view of the site (1 page). Senior plans will address 2 species in one plan.

3B Oral Defense - 25 points

Youth have 90 seconds to individually answer questions based on the management plan they submitted. Juniors are asked 2 standard questions (Appendix E) while Seniors will be asked 2 questions from a bank of questions (Appendix F).