

Respect #1

A Successful Wildlife Viewing Experience

...is one where the observers:

- don't scare the animal away
- don't cause it to change its behavior
- don't threaten its ability to survive.



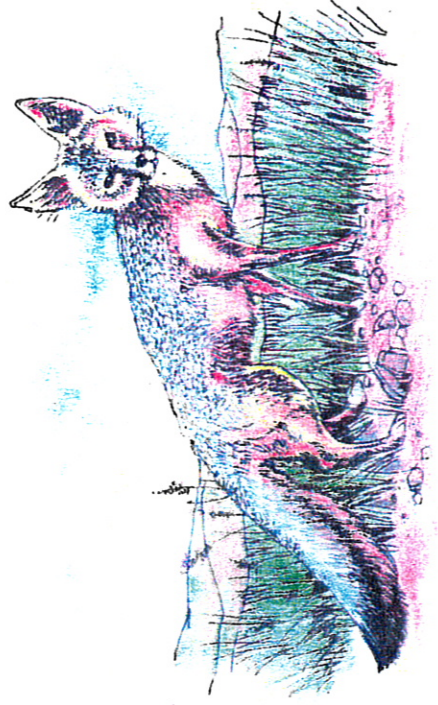
Respect #2

Key Ideas

Respect the WILDLIFE

Respect the ENVIRONMENT

Respect your NEIGHBORS



Respect the WILDLIFE

AVOID GETTING TOO CLOSE

How close is too close?

- Wild creatures have different flight distances.

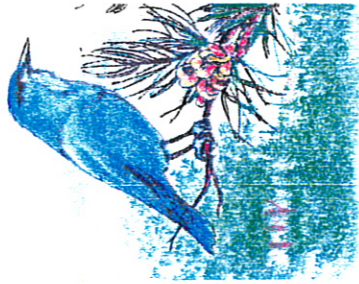
- Learning about the animal will help you judge.



Respect the WILDLIFE

YOU ARE TOO CLOSE if you see the following animal behaviors

- runs, flies, hops, etc. **AWAY** or runs **AT** you,
- appears nervous, stops what it was doing,
- keeps looking at you,
- gives distress call, stamps feet, drags wing, plays dead or other displays.



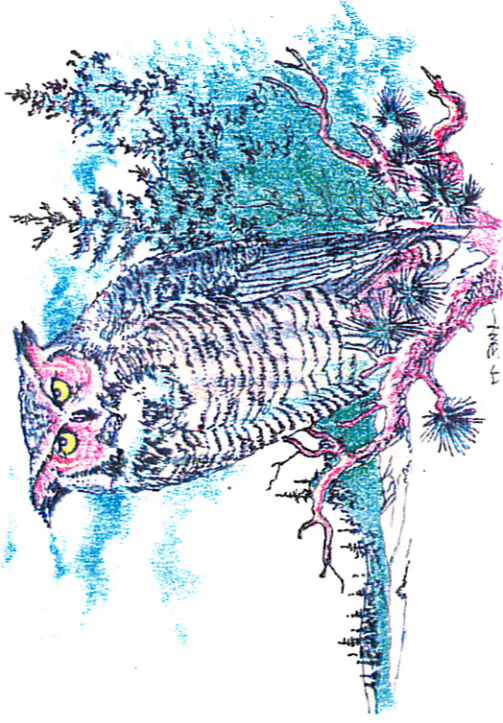
*Motto: Observe animals from the distance **THEY** feel safe, not from where **YOU** feel safe.*

Respect the WILDLIFE



- **Make your observations brief.**
- **Don't chase an animal or harass it.**
- **Move quietly, slowly, and in plain view.**

Respect the WILDLIFE



- **Use a blind, if available.**
- **Use imitation devices sparingly.**
- **Divide large groups into small ones.**

Respect the ENVIRONMENT

- Some “harmless” behavior causes harm later.
- Tread softly. Damage affects all species.
- Do not disturb flowers, seeds or vegetation.
- Leave no litter.



Respect the ENVIRONMENT

DON'T ALTER THE ENVIRONMENT BY FEEDING THE ANIMALS

- Artificial food supply equals population boom.
- Wildlife lose their fear of humans.
- You may lure in “pests.”
- Feeding wildlife is illegal in many areas.



Respect the ENVIRONMENT

- Do not collect in parks, refuges and designated wilderness areas.
- Collecting is okay on private land if you have permission.
- Scientists now concentrate on wildlife behavior, rather than collecting.
- We recommend taking memories, not specimens.

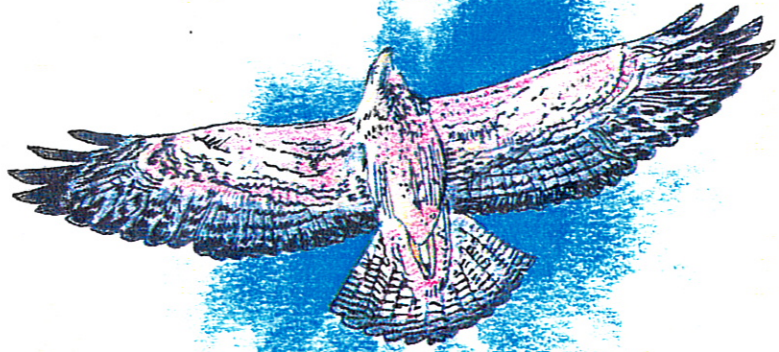


Respect the ENVIRONMENT



It is illegal for you to collect...

- **endangered species,**
- **feathers from songbirds or raptors, and**
- **anything from archeological sites.**



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Respect your NEIGHBORS

- **Respect your fellow viewers.**
- **Respect private property.**
- **Respect the right of way.**

