

Ks. Wildlife and Parks
Law Enforcement Testing
Reference Guide for Study

INTRODUCTION:

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Law Enforcement Division has initiated a testing procedure for applicants applying for Natural Resource Officer positions within the division. Currently this process involves completing a mile run within a 10 minute time period, a four phase written testing component consisting of the following test. 100 slides to identify wildlife that occur in Kansas by common name, 100 question test on general wildlife management knowledge, 50 question test on general law enforcement knowledge covering the hunting and fishing regulations, and the State of Kansas boaters safety test. In order to reach the oral interview, these test must be completed with the required passing score. Currently the success rate among candidates is only at 25%, so the following resources have been created to aid interested individuals in their preparation for the test.

Good luck and strive for top honors in reaching the interview among your peers.

ONLINE SOURCES OF STUDY

WILDLIFE IDENTIFICATION TESTING:

Wildlife Species, habitats:

<http://www.wildlife.ksu.edu/>

Reptiles

1. **A Pocket Guide to Kansas Snakes**

"**Pocket Guide to Kansas Snakes**". This informative booklet was underwritten by the Kansas Chickadee Checkoff Program and the Westar Energy Green Team

www.gpnc.org/guide4.htm

1. **Got Snakes?**

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Our most **common. Kansas snake**, it is solid gray on the back and a bright orange-red underside. The Cottonmouth aka. Water moccasin.

lawrenceks.org/lprd/gotsnakes.pdf

1. Kansas Reptiles

www.local.com Find **Reptiles With Kansas'** Online Local Search.

Kansas State

statesymbolsusa.org

1. Reptiles of Kansas

An alternate taxonomy for **Kansas reptiles** may be found in the "Scientific and Standard English Names of Amphibians and Reptiles of North America

www.gpnc.org/reptiles.htm

Fish

1. Fishes of Kansas

Currently, there are about 25000 recognized species of **fishes** in the world, divided into 35 living orders. Within **Kansas** 144 species are recorded

www.gpnc.org/fish.htm

1. CHECKLIST OF KANSAS FISHES

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CHECKLIST OF KANSAS FISHES. From "A Checklist of the Vertebrate Animals of Kansas", 3rd edition, 2005, by George Potts and Joseph Collins

www.gpnc.org/images/pdf's/CheckFish.pdf

Birds

1. Kansas Bird Photo Gallery

Kansas Bird Photo Gallery. Here are some images (or links to images) of birds seen and ... Photo by Dave Rintoul

ksbirds.org/bird_photo_gallery.htm

1. Birds in Kansas

The scientific name of each species follows the **common** name and is written in italics. For a pdf version of this list, click here **Kansas birds** list .

www.gpnc.org/birds.htm

1. CHECKLIST OF KANSAS BIRDS

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Birds in Kansas vols. 1 & 2, by Thompson & Ely, KU Press ... **Common Moorhen** - *Gallinula chloropus*. **American Coot** - *Fulica americana*. Family **Gruidae** ...

www.gpnc.org/images/pdf's/CheckBirds.pdf

Mammals

1. Mammals of Kansas

An online recognition and educational guide. Includes descriptions and photographs.

www.ksr.ku.edu/libres/Mammals_of_Kansas/ -

1. A Pocket Guide to Common Kansas Mammals

The purpose of the Pocket Guide and the **Mammal's Den** is to help you identify and gain an appreciation for the diversity of **mammals** in **Kansas**. ...

www.gpnc.org/guide2.htm

1. Kansas Mammal Atlas:

The **Kansas Mammal Atlas** is a product of a State Wildlife Grant to the Sternberg Museum of Natural History, Fort Hays State University. ...

webcat.fhsu.edu/ksfauna/mammals/index.asp -

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TESTING

1. Wildlife Management Information

Wildlife Management provides more than 500 publications from more than 100 species on the biology, ecology, identification, control, and management of ...

www.wildlifemanagement.info/

1. Wildlife Management Facts- Dialogue for Kids (Idaho Public Television)

This Web site from Idaho Public Television features companion Web sites for our Dialogue For Kids program, where kids have their questions answered by the ...
idahoptv.org/dialogue4kids/season6/wildlife/facts.cfm

1. The Facts About Wildlife Damage - USDA Wildlife Services - The ...

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Wildlife Services: The Facts About Wildlife. Damage Management.

www.aphis.usda.gov/.../usda_fact_sheet_wildlife_damage_management.pdf

1. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Home

Home page of the US Fish and **Wildlife Service**, a Bureau in the Department of Interior. ... Migratory Birds: **Conservation and Management**

www.fws.gov

1. **Wildlife Management** Institute

May 14, 2010 ... The **Wildlife Management** Institute (WMI) recently published research-based communication strategies to help the **conservation** community
www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE – LAW ENFORCEMENT TESTING:

Kansas Wildlife Law and Regulations, etc.

Kansas Furharvester Education:

<http://trappered.com/> (online course)

Kansas Hunter Education course (internet assisted/classroom; volunteer instructed courses)

www.kdwp.state.ks.us

Kansas Wildlife and Parks Web Site: www.kdwp.state.ks.us

BOATING EDUCATION COURSES:

<http://www.boat-ed.com/ks/> (online course)

<http://www.boaterexam.com/usa/kansas/> (online course)

<http://kdwp.state.ks.us/news/Boating/Boating-Contacts/Boating-Education-Information>
(home study)

Recommended reading and study guides for Natural Resource Officer applicants:

Wildlife Identification:

“The Guide to Kansas Birds and Birding Hot Spots” by Bob Gress and Peter Janzen .
2008 University Press of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas; ISBN 978-0-7006-1565-0

“Amphibians & Reptiles in Kansas” by Joseph T. Collins. 1993 University Press of
Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas; ISBN 0-89338-044-X (hardcover); 0-89338-043-1
(paperback)

“A Pocket Guide to Common Kansas Mammals” by George Potts and Bob Gress.
Available free from Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, Kansas,
316-683-8069.

“A Pocket Guide to Great Plains Waterbirds” by Suzanne Fellows and Bob Gress. Available free from Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, Kansas, 316-683-8069.

“A Pocket Guide to Kansas Snakes” by Joseph T. Collins, Suzanne Collins, and Bob Gress. Available free from Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, Kansas, 316-683-8069.

“A Pocket Guide to Kansas Threatened and Endangered Species” by Edwin J. Miller and Bob Gress. Available free from Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, Kansas, 316-683-8069.

“A Pocket Guide to Great Plains Shorebirds” by Suzanne Fellows and Bob Gress. Available free from Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, Kansas, 316-683-8069.