



The Brevard Zoo creates Environmental Teaching Suitcases for conservation projects around the globe. Since 2001 BZ has created 58 suitcases which have been distributed in the following countries: Kenya, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Nigeria, Botswana, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Peru, Guatemala, Dominica, and the US.

What is in a suitcase?

- hand and finger puppets
- animals books
- Zoo Book magazines
- animal field-guides (laminated fold-outs and Audubon book)
- stamp pads and stamps
- animal posters
- world map, country maps
- animal puzzles
- environmental games
- art supplies (colored pencils, scissors, paint, crayons, erasers, chalk)
- binoculars
- Teacher's Binder.

How are they used?

The puppets are used as an interactive tool for students and teachers to discuss local issues affecting wildlife and their habitats. Students then can create plays and skits as well as artwork based on what they have learned.

What is the cost?

\$1,000 per suitcase - includes actual suitcase, all contents and domestic shipping costs.
\$500 - In 2009 Brevard Zoo began creating "mini" suitcases which are half the cost and contain mainly puppets. We did this for two reasons, concerns about the economy and because it is less expensive it allows us to be more responsive to requests in a more timely manner.

Where to purchase the contents?

- ✓ Folkmanis – puppets www.folkmanis.com
- ✓ Walmart – Suitcases (American Tourister and Jeep), Crayola Crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue sticks, binders, pencils, sharpeners, chalk, colored paper, Rubbermaid containers (for storage)
- ✓ Joanne Fabrics - Animal stamps & stamp pads, stickers
- ✓ Barnes & Noble – book about animals
- ✓ Amazon.com – books in Spanish
- ✓ Waterford Press – Fold-out laminated field guides www.waterfordpress.com
- ✓ ZooBook Magazines – from your zoo gift shop or purchase directly from ZooBooks www.zoobooks.com
- ✓ Local Educator supply stores (store names vary for each location) – for maps, posters, puzzles, games

