Wildlife plays a vital role in urban ecosystems. This unique series investigates the wild and semi-wild animals that live among and around us. They live in our parks, backyards, woodlands, and on the edges of human spaces. Some even invade our homes. Special illustrated spreads focus on the specific anatomy, adaptations, and skills of key species, as well as the threats to their existence. Readers will also learn how biologists study urban animals and how cities deal with animal control.

Becoming inquisitive participants in the analysis of animal adaptations and interactions with human kind is a learning goal in schools across Canada and the United States. Wildlife in The City supports this initiative by providing non-fiction reading material on wildlife and their adaptations to urban living. Each book examines key scientific vocabulary and different kinds of wildlife that must change as their environment does. These books prompt readers to engage with the sources through presenting questions and encouraging students to draw their own conclusions. The Wildlife in The City Teacher’s Guide includes lessons that develop the critical-thinking skills students need to understand non-fiction materials, analyze them to gather evidence, and support research skills.

The multi-modal lesson plans in this guide are tailored for grades 3 to 6, and help students learn to analyze and draw conclusions from multiple sources of information. Students will learn how to gather and organize a variety of facts and statistics and use them to support their own predictions and inquiries about wildlife. Lessons focused on how humans impact animals and how conservations strive to protect animals encourage students to not just be knowledgeable, but also to be activists.

Each lesson plan is designed to stand alone, and can be taught in any order to develop a wide range of understanding around human and animal interactions. Reproducible worksheets and assessment tools accompany each lesson plan. The titles in Wildlife in The City include:

- Abandoned and Escaped Animals
- Animals on the Outskirts
- Backyard Dwellers
- Habitat Clashes