Welcome to Conservancy Kids!

Become a junior scientist, exploring the natural world, asking questions, and making discoveries. Join us for an adventure that will take you outdoors, around the house, and into the incredible Sonoran Desert. Welcome to Conservancy Kids! We’re excited to see you!

What is a Keystone Species?

The term “keystone species” is just a fancy way of saying “a really important species.” Conservancy Kids know all species are important to an ecosystem—the disappearance of any one animal will negatively impact the whole system. However, scientists use the term “keystone species” to refer to an animal that has a particularly important (or key) role to play. The health of a keystone species can help scientists understand the health of the overall environment.

P.S. Can you spot the furry photo bombers in the background?

Keystone Species in Arizona

Taylor and Nicole talk keystone species in Arizona. Stay tuned to learn more about the prairie dog in the Chihuahuan Desert and the saguaro in the Sonoran Desert and why they’re so important to their ecosystems!

More Keystone Species!

Keystone species exist across the world in all ecosystems. Check out this short video to learn about three familiar animals that are keystone species.