



Ferdinand Fox's First Summer

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Growing up is hard to do!

Follow this photographic journal of a red fox as he explores the world around him during the first few months of his life. He's about a month old when he first comes out of the den. Watch as he learns to hunt through play and by using his senses. See the changes as he grows from a young kit to a young fox. After all, by the next summer, he'll have kits of his own! Naturalist photographer and environmental educator Mary Holland has captured Ferdinand Fox's First Summer in a way that is sure to grab children's hearts.



For Creative Minds

Educators and parents will love the educational section, which includes the following activities:

- Red fox adaptations to their environment
- Months of the year and fox life cycle changes
- What do red foxes eat?



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Curriculum Connections

Ferdinand Fox's First Summer is Lexile leveled at 930L, and has a word count of 586.

More than 30 pages of **cross curricular activities** and three unique quizzes are available online.

Keywords for educators: Growth and change, summer, animal senses, adaptations, learned behavior, life cycle

About the Author



Mary Holland is a naturalist, nature photographer, columnist, and award-winning author with a life-long passion for natural history. After graduating from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources, Mary worked as a naturalist at the Museum of the Hudson Highlands in New York state, directed the state-wide Environmental Learning for the Future program for the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, worked as a resource naturalist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society, and designed and presented her own "Knee-High Nature Programs" for libraries and elementary schools throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. Her children's book, *Milkweed Visitors*, received national acclaim when it was placed on the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science Books and Films' list for the best books of 2006 in the category Children's Books under Zoological Sciences. Mary's book *Naturally Curious: a Photographic Field Guide and Month-by-Month Journey Through the Fields, Woods and Marshes of New England* won the 2011 National Outdoor Book Award for the Nature Guidebook category. Mary lives in Vermont with her lab, Emma.



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