

Introduction

>> Hi. My name is Yancey Ranspot.

I work as a support service specialist in Albuquerque,
New Mexico with the U.S. Forest Service with the Grassland, Shrubland,
Desert Ecosystem for the Rocky Mountain Research Station.

One of the things I get to do is I get to work with the community.

What do you get to do

And working with the community, I get to work with a lot
of different age groups with students out in the field.

Importance of conservation education

I think the conservation education is very important nowadays with our changing
climate.

A lot of the students have really missed out on getting out into nature.

And I like when we go out with school groups, with our community groups,
and we're able to show them different things that exist right here

Nature Center

in the urban cities of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

We can come out to the nature center.

The students can collect macroinvertebrates out of the river.

They can collect terrestrial insects and arachnids here around the garden area.

They can view birds over by the ponds,

Self Discovery

the Bosque River through these large, old cottonwoods.

And it really brings out that self-discovery when you give a student the tools,
a pair of binoculars, an insect viewer, and a journal to write down.

They can come out and they can feel like they are observing and participating.

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And then you give them time to kind of reflect in this natural environment.

And at the end of the day, when you see all the students asking questions and getting down

and looking at nature, it's really rewarding.