



### 1. Make a Bee Hotel

- Bug hotels are a great way to promote biodiversity in your garden by offering a place for beneficial insects such as bees and butterflies to hibernate, nest and take refuge from the elements. They are a great way to encourage pollinators who help make your garden healthy and thrive with flowers and food for months to come.
- Most native bees are harmless and very interesting to watch as their colony grows!
- You can make a bee hotel at home using an empty can, a brown paper bag, some fine twigs and some twine. There are lots of great instructions online!

### 2. Plant a native plant or tree!

- Australia used to be full of only native trees like eucalyptus and gums but since colonisation foreign plants have filled many of our gardens.
- Native plants are much healthier for the Australian environment and attract native wildlife as well.
- Some plants flower beautifully, like the Wattle or Waratah trees which flourish in the spring and attract native birds like the Rainbow Lorikeet.
- By planting native plants and trees, you could be helping native wildlife to flourish in your neighbourhood.

### 3. Create a Frog Haven

- Frog havens are a great way to encourage frogs to visit your backyard, and you'll be hearing their croaks in no time!
- This can be as easy as filling a shallow bowl or dish with freshwater in your yard. Place it in an area that is partly shady, with some thick plants around part of the pond/water bowl. This will help to create some warm and cool areas of the water for the frogs.
- Ideally allow some of the water to be in the sunlight. This will help algae to grow and provide food for the frogs.
- Place something like a stick or some rocks to provide shelter for the frogs, and to help them get back out of the water.
- You can find lots of instructions online if you're feeling creative and inspired!

#### **4. Hold a lemonade or cupcake stand to raise money for wildlife.**

- You could always make some cupcakes or lemonade, and hold a stall in your front yard to raise money for wildlife.
- Research a number of Australian wildlife charities, and donate to the charity that you believe is doing a good job of protecting Australian wildlife.

#### **5. Pick up your litter (and maybe someone else's too)**

- Animals often mistake litter for food, but animals cannot digest human rubbish. Animals can choke on rubbish, or it can remain in their stomach forever.
- When you're outdoors, be sure to always pick up all your rubbish. Don't leave anything in the environment that wasn't already there naturally.
- If someone else has left litter behind (and if it is safe to do so) then you could bring a rubbish bag to pick up some other little too. Wearing gloves or using tongs can be a safer way to clean up rubbish.

#### **6. Reuse, reduce and recycle!**

- Try your best to make changes at home, to help reduce single-use plastics and recycle all waste.
- A few ideas include:
  - Repurposing old clothes by donating them or using them as cleaning cloths
  - Reducing single-use water bottles. Refill one instead!
  - Using Tupperware containers instead of Ziploc bags and cling-wrap.
  - Using soap bars or refilling old soap bottles.
  - Recycling soft plastics (thinner plastics that can be scrunched like bags) at your local shopping centre.
  - Recycling ALL paper, cardboard, plastic and glass in their correct bins.
  - Using a compost bin, feed food waste to a worm farm instead of landfill – the excretion from the worm farm is great food for plants as well!

#### **7. Spread the word for wildlife!**

- Tell all your friends and family about how important Australian wildlife is and encourage them to help save wildlife as well.
- We have some helpful talking points for you to download on our Kids' Corner [here](#).

#### **8. Keep your pets away from wildlife.**

- Cats are skilled hunters and are very good at catching Australian wildlife.
- If you own a cat, please ensure it is desexed and kept at home, so it doesn't prey on wildlife.
- Encourage your neighbours to also keep their cats at home.
- It's important to keep pet dogs away from wildlife too!