

LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Simple everyday actions to take care of the environment so that the environment can continue to take care of us!

ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY.



ENCOURAGING WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION!

Living sustainably comes down to daily habits and choices you make, both big and small, that can have huge environmental impact.

Did you know? Australia is one of 17 countries described as being 'megadiverse'. Together these countries account for less than 10% of the global surface, but support more than 70% of the biological diversity on earth.

The outdoor areas of your home are your very own piece of potential habitat for local wildlife. It can be as simple as adding a bird bath, planting natives or providing shelter like an insect hotel or hollow to your yard. Below are some top tips!

Quench their thirst!

Wildlife get thirsty in hot weather just like us, so providing a clean water source in our yards is helpful especially when conditions are dry.

- Add a shallow birdbath to provide a water source for birds.
- Make a bee or butterfly bath by adding rocks into a small plate, tray or bowl and fill with water.
- Consider a running water feature or shallow bubbling pond.

Provide a smorgasbord of natural food sources!

Food sources can be made available through planting native trees, shrubs and grasses which produce nectar, fruits and seeds.

- Plant native plant species in your yard to provide a variety of food sources for wildlife.
- If you can, try and have something flowering all year round, just like it happens in nature.
- Let nature feed itself. their food can't be bought in shops and feeding wildlife can encourage aggressive behaviour or make them dependent on you for their food source.

Create shelter for wildlife!

Mimic nature in your yard and where possible provide five levels of vegetation - upper canopy (large trees), mid storey (small trees and shrubs), under storey (small shrubs), ground layer and leaf litter layer.

- Check out some 'how to' guides for making insect hotels, frog havens, or butterfly houses.
- Add some hollow logs, curled bark, branches or rock clusters on your ground layer for lizards and beneficial insects.
- Conserve any natural hollows in trees, or if appropriate, add an artificial nest box installed high off the ground and faced away from western sun.
- Be mindful of where you encourage wildlife to visit your yard - keep it separate from your domestic animals and be a responsible pet owner.

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