



## Biodiversity Module School Program Library

Resource type	How to join	Delivery group	Program title	Summary	Website
Formal school program to join	Sign up for incursion program	<b>PlantingSeeds</b>	<b>B&amp;B Highway Program</b>	PlantingSeeds' flagship program, the B&B Highway, is an urban educational and regeneration initiative. Its 'Bed and Breakfasts for Birds, Bees and Biodiversity' are in over 130 sites in three States – NSW, Victoria and Queensland. B&B's are located in schools, community centres and corporate sites.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Formal school program to join	Apply to join the program	<b>WaterWatch</b>	<b>Educational Resources</b>	Waterwatch is a citizen science program for monitoring waterway health.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Formal school program to join	Apply to join the program	<b>WaterWatch</b>	<b>River Detectives</b>	The River Detectives Program helps schools explore local waterways with students with an education program which includes water monitoring kits, resources, professional development and more. River Detectives is a free, flexible and fun way to connect young people to nature through monthly water quality testing. Students learn how water, land, plants, animals, people and communities are all integrally linked and schools are provided with equipment, training	<a href="#">LINK</a>

				and teaching resources. Schools and youth/community groups can apply to participate in the River Detectives program but spaces are limited.	
Citizen science activity to join	Anyone can contribute data	<b>WaterWatch</b>	<b>Saltwatch Week</b>	During Saltwatch Week each year, schools and community groups from all over Victoria can learn about the effects of salinity on water quality in their local catchment by collecting local water sources and testing with a salinity meter to determine salt content. Saltwatch week coincides with Education Week in Victorian schools and useful resources for exploring salinity issues can be on the Waterwatch Victoria page. Saltwatch began in 1987 and is Australia's longest-running community monitoring program.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Formal school program to join	Apply to join the program	<b>Earthwatch</b>	<b>Earthwatch</b>	Runs bespoke programs for primary and secondary schools, focused on school sustainability targets, student empowerment and nature positive action. Several programs available, including student scholarships.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Formal school program to join	Apply to join the program	<b>BirdLife Aus</b>	<b>Birds in Schools</b>	Available online through BirdLife Australia's e-learning platform, Birds in Schools provides lesson plans and resources to enable teachers across Australia to deliver education and action for birds.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Citizen science activity to join	Anyone can contribute data	<b>BirdLife Aus</b>	<b>Birds in Backyard surveys</b>	Seasonal bird surveys. Available online through BirdLife Australia's e-learning platform, Birds in Schools provides lesson plans and resources to enable teachers across Australia to deliver education and action for birds. All you have to do is hop onto the Birdata website or the Birdata app, and follow the instructions. It only takes 20 minutes, plus a moment to jot down some simple information about your garden. Anybody can participate.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Citizen science activity to join	Anyone can contribute data	<b>BirdLife Aus</b>	<b>Aussie Bird Count</b>	The Aussie Bird Count is a once pe year activity for all-ages that involves observing and counting the birds that live near you – whether that's in your garden, the local park, a beach or even your town centre. By telling us about the birds you've seen within a 20 minute period, you will help BirdLife Australia develop an understanding of local birds whilst getting to know the wildlife on your doorstep!	<a href="#">LINK</a>

No formal school program, but has general community programs	Apply to join the program	<b>Gardens for Wildlife</b>	<b>Gardens for Wildlife</b>	We are a network of community members and council/shire officers from across Victoria supporting each other to involve local residents, schools and businesses to join us in caring for and acting to conserve the native plants and animals of our communities. Participants in our network include environmental community groups, shires, councils, and volunteers from across Victoria. We are exploring, developing, or delivering wildlife gardening programs that involve residents, businesses and schools to improve habitat for locally native species on private land to support habitat protection and improvement on public land.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Citizen science activity to join	Anyone can contribute data	<b>FrogID</b>	<b>FrogID week</b>	FrogID Week, hosted by the Australian Museum, is Australia's biggest frog count. Held annually, it's when anyone with a smartphone can help record frog calls through the free FrogID app as a measurement of frog health and distribution around the country. It aims to monitor frog distributions and populations over time, helping us to understand how frogs and their ecosystems are responding to a changing planet.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Citizen science activity to join	Anyone can contribute data	<b>Melbourne Water</b>	<b>Frog Census</b>	Volunteer for our citizen science frog monitoring program, and record frog call data to help conservation efforts. It's easy and fun – and you don't have to be a frog expert!	<a href="#">LINK</a>
One off incursions/excursions	Book on website	<b>Melbourne Water</b>	<b>Guided Tours</b>	Book a guided tour to our sewage treatment plant or wetlands, and let our experienced educators take you on a journey through the water cycle.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Citizen science activity to join	Anyone can contribute data	<b>Great Southern Bioblitz</b>	<b>Great Southern Bioblitz</b>	The 'Great Southern BioBlitz', or 'GSB' for short, is an international period of intense biological surveying in an attempt to record all the living species within several designated areas across the Southern Hemisphere in Spring.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Citizen science activity to join	Anyone can contribute data	<b>Participate Melbourne</b>	<b>City Nature Challenge/Melbourne BioBlitz</b>	City Nature Challenge is an annual global citizen science BioBlitz event, coordinated by the California Academy of Sciences and the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, which was first run in 2016.	<a href="#">LINK</a>

Citizen science activity to join	Anyone can contribute data	<b>Melbourne Museum</b>	<b>Backyard Bioblitz</b>	Have you ever wanted to carry out fieldwork like our museum staff? Join Simon Hinkley, Collections Manager in Terrestrial Invertebrates, as he explains how you can carry out fieldwork in your own backyard or even a local park.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
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