

Information Sheet 5: Resources

Icon Species

Through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's (DELWP) [Icon Species](#) program targeted actions are undertaken to protect and conserve Victoria's threatened species. Go [here](#) for information on the work that DELWP and its partners are doing to support the protection and recovery of 19 of Victoria's icon species.

Applicants for the 2022 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants are encouraged, where appropriate and possible, to consider the opportunities to undertake educational and/or on-ground projects on one of these [19 icon species](#).

Biodiversity Response Planning and Focus Landscapes

DELWP's Biodiversity Response Planning is an area-based planning approach to biodiversity conservation in Victoria. The Biodiversity Response Planning process has resulted in the identification of [Focus Landscapes](#), which are places that are likely to give the greatest biodiversity benefit. Note – not all of Victoria is covered by a Focus Landscape.

The Focus Landscapes Fact Sheets and Interactive Map are found on the [Biodiversity Response Planning website](#).

Victorian Biodiversity Atlas

The [Victorian Biodiversity Atlas](#) (VBA) is a tool for those interested in information on Victoria's native animals and plants. Government agencies, environmental consultants, researchers, and the public can update and use the information in the VBA to understand what native animals and plants we have in the state, and where they live.

Biodiversity in Schools Guide

Sustainability Victoria has created a great [ResourceSmart Schools Biodiversity Module](#) and a [Biodiversity How-to-Guide](#) that explores the topic of biodiversity in schools.

NatureKit

DELWP's [NatureKit](#) is a tool to map and report on Victoria's biodiversity values. For example, you can use NatureKit to find information on species distribution for Victoria's native plants and native animals.

Citizen Science Activities

For examples of some potential citizen science activities see [SWIFFT \(Learn\)](#) or [Parks Victoria - Plan your Learning](#)

Victoria Nature Festival

Virtually explore and learn all about Victoria's rich natural environment and wildlife through the [Victoria Nature Festival](#), created by DELWP, and hosted by Victoria Together.

Nest Boxes

For a general guide on the use of nest boxes, including advice on monitoring please visit: [use-of-nest-boxes-in-Victoria](#).

Nest Boxes (continued)

For additional information of building nest boxes visit the Junior Landcare Learning Centre's [Build your own nest box | Junior Landcare](#) and also the story on building nest boxes in the [Victorian Landcare magazine \(Winter 2013 issue, pages 8-9\)](#).

Australian Native Bees and Pollinators

For more information on Australian native bees, please visit the Australian Native Bee Research Centre's website: [bees in your area](#)

For information on bees and pollinators visit the Junior Landcare Learning Centre's [Getting the buzz on bees and other beneficial insects | Junior Landcare](#)

The CSIRO has produced '[A Guide to Native Bees of Australia](#)' and has tips on how to make your garden native bee friendly.