

Backyard Species Discovery – Weekly Challenge

Week 3

Discovering invertebrates

The Backyard Species Discovery project is a virtual expedition to continue adding to our knowledge of Australian biodiversity while field work is still difficult due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

While we can't promise you'll find a new species, you will discover some amazing plants and animals living in your own backyard, learn to identify them with the help of Bush Blitz scientists and contribute valuable data to the Atlas of Living Australia.

Here is your challenge:

Photograph at least three different types of invertebrates in the next 7 days and upload your images to the Backyard Species Discovery project via iNaturalist. Email us a screen shot of, or links to, your iNaturalist records.

Tips:

- An invertebrate is an animal without a backbone - some examples include insects, snails and spiders (but there are many others too).
- You will find instructions on how to upload your images to the Backyard Species Discovery project at https://bushblitz.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/BackyardSpeciesDiscovery_Factsheet-1_Introduction.pdf
- Take several close-up photos of each animal and combine them into one observation - make sure the photos are in focus.
- Take photos from different angles, including the underside if possible, and add something to provide scale. Check out <https://bushblitz.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Photographing-minibeasts-with-your-smartphone.pdf> for some practical ideas.
- Try to find 3 very different types of invertebrates for extra points.

Due date:

Email your entry with your name (or group name) to bushblitz@awe.gov.au by midnight AEST on Wednesday 1 July.

Applications will be judged by a panel and the winning entry will be announced on Friday 3 July, on the Bush Blitz website and social media platforms.