

Backyard Species Discovery – Weekly Challenge

Week 4

More than Eight

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 one animal that has more than 8 “legs” in the next 7 days and upload your image to the Backyard Species Discovery project via iNaturalist. Email us a screen shot of, or links to, your iNaturalist records.

Tips:

- Your animal needs more than eight “legs” so, sorry, spiders don't make the cut, but there are many land and marine creatures that do fit this criterion, and you can count anything that looks/acts like a leg, even though it may not be a true leg.
- You will find instructions on how to upload your images to the Backyard Species Discovery project at: https://bushblitz.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/VirtualBushBlitz_Factsheet-1_How-it-works.pdf
- Take several close-up photos of your discovery 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. *For practical ideas check out the fact sheet [Photographing minibeast with your smartphone](#), which was produced by one of our previous contestants Claudia Schipp!*

Due date:

Email your entry with your name (or group name) to bushblitz@awe.gov.au by midnight AEST on Wednesday 8 July.

Applications will be judged by a panel and the winning entry will be announced on Friday 10 July, on the Bush Blitz website and social media platforms.