

# BUILD A LIZARD LOUNGE

Want a quick and easy way to help the local lizards in your neighbourhood?  
Make a lizard lounge!

## Why a lizard lounge?

- 1 in 4 reptile species are under serious threat in Australia, but just a few simple additions to your garden could give them a leg up in their survival.
- They are natural pest controllers – they love to snap up snails, slugs and moth larvae.

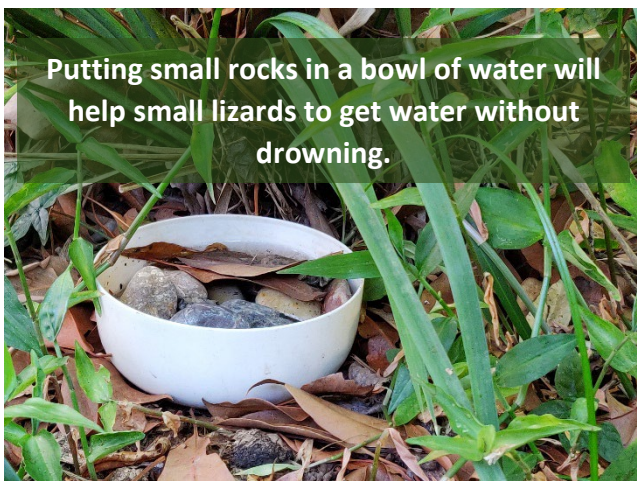


A reptile repose made of a broken bowl

## Materials

To provide a suitable habitat for a variety of lizards, you will need to provide them with somewhere to rest, hide, sun themselves and food and water. Luckily this is a fairly easy task, as many materials serve multiple purposes. Below is a list of materials you might like to consider, but don't be afraid to get creative!

Material	Purpose
Shallow dish/bowl, pot saucer, old metal dish	Drinking water
Bark, sticks, mulch, leaf litter	Shelter, hiding place, habitat for insects
Large pieces of bark, stacks of rocks, hollow logs, broken terracotta pots, earthenware pipes	Shelter, hiding place
Large flat rocks	Sunning spot
Logs with rough/sharp sides, scratchy bark	Spot for exfoliating

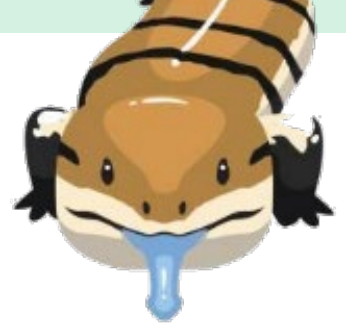


Putting small rocks in a bowl of water will help small lizards to get water without drowning.

## Location

Put your lizard lounge somewhere where it will receive sun in the morning and in the afternoon, as this is when most lizards will sun themselves. Make sure it won't get waterlogged or flooded when it rains.





The lounge should also be surrounded by dense planting or bushes.

If you don't already have an area like this, you can make one by using native plants such as the following:

- Coral Purple Pea (*Hardenbergia volaecia*)
- Creeping Boobalia (*Myoporum parvovlium*)
- Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*)
- Muntries (*Kunzia pomifera*)

This will also attract insects which serve as food for the lizards or provide berries and seeds that larger lizards will eat.

### Tips

- Try to keep cats out of your lizard lounge by making it difficult for them to get in – they are known to cause high numbers of lizard deaths every year
- Limit the use of pesticides on your garden – they will reduce the number of insects the lizards can eat and may even poison them if they consume some

**Below is an example of a simple lizard lounge:**

