

Program four - Kindy project

In program four, we encourage you to create a variety of habitats in your Kindergarten grounds to build biodiversity and support wildlife that visit local waterways. Biodiversity is the building block of functional ecosystems but is currently under threat world-wide. Creating habitat in backyards, parks, school grounds & Kindergartens contributes to biodiversity and to the creation of green corridors which are essential for animal movement and survival.

On this page you will find several projects which will assist you to complete a habitat-creating project in your Kindergarten. All resources can be found in the resources section of this lesson on the Creek Neighbours online program page.

Learning outcomes

Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

- 2.1 Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation.
- 2.4 Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment.

Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

- 4.1 Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.
- 4.2 Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.
- 4.3 Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.
- 4.4 Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials.

Learning Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

- 5.1 Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes.

Project ideas to choose from

1. Butterfly Puddle – Butterflies are important pollinators. Attract butterflies to your garden by building a butterfly puddle.

Required resources:

- Build a butterfly puddle handout (Word document)



2. Seed Balls – Create fun seed-filled balls which will help your garden grow pollinator-attracting flowers and plants.

Required resources:

- Seed balls recipe (Word document)

3. Insect Hotel – Build a shelter to help support insects who are, among other things, important pollinators and food for other animals.

Required resources:

- Build an insect hotel handout (Word document)

4. Pollinator Garden – Many animals who live by the creek are also important pollinators. Help support their survival by creating a pollinator-friendly garden.

Required resources:

- Build a pollinator garden handout (Word document)

5. Reptile Shelter – Help the local lizards in your neighbourhood by creating a shelter for them.

Required resources:

- Build a lizard lounge handout (Word document)

Discussion Questions

- What animals do you imagine will visit our Kindy once we've / now that we've made our _____?
- What are some other ways we can help our native Australian animals?
- What animals do you think will visit both here AND the creek?
- What are the three things that animals need to survive? Do they have access to them here at our Kindy? Do they have access to them at your homes?