

Nesting Box Activity - Pre-Experience Activity Suggestions

Level	Author(s)	Activities
F-2	Hannah Singleton, Karen Pitts and Ali Ince	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch online clips about environmental change, the reasons behind it, and the effect it has on native wildlife • Explore a range of different materials that make up a range of habitats – such as sand, soil, rocks, bark, logs, and leaves • Play a matching game that links native Australian animals with their habitats (find information sources online or in informational texts) • Identify and discuss native Australian animals, their habitats, and their individual needs for survival
	Chloe Denney, Nicole Haddad, Brittaney Petsinis, Elana Rose and Nathan De Goldi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about Australian wildlife – what do students already know? • Identify which animals live in specific areas – exploring the different features of native animals, and the way in which they adapt to their environment • Watch online clips and/or documentaries about the habitats of native Australian animals • Explore native animals using a picture book such as “<i>Possum Magic</i>” by Mem Fox • Wildlife matching activity (exploring the categorisation of species) • Using photographs and illustrations, students are to identify native animals, and then explore the features of each

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3-6	Hannah Singleton, Karen Pitts and Ali Ince	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the basic needs of animals, exploring lifecycles, food-chains, and habitats • Trip to the Melbourne Zoo, or Healesville Sanctuary, to observe a range of animals and their habitats • Use informational texts, online clips, and documentaries, to explore animal habitats
	Chloe Denney, Nicole Haddad, Brittaney Petsinis, Elana Rose and Nathan De Goldi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about different animals species and their individual needs for survival (such as access to shelter, food, and water) • Matching activity: flash cards linking animals to their habitats • Students brainstorm and make predictions about the reasons why certain native Australian animals need nesting boxes • Watch a range of different clips of Australian animals habitat needs

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