

# JUNIOR RANGERS

## Wildlife Guardians



Rangers have different ways of protecting our plants and animals from invasive plant species, animal pests and us humans! Look at the pictures below and see if you can work out how humans are keeping our birds, bees and trees safe.



## How else can we keep animals and habitats safe?

Sometimes we need to keep out other animals and humans in a habitat so that we can protect what is living there. A great example is when some of our coastal birds like the hooded plover, come to nest on our beaches. Our rangers are very careful to make sure they get the best chance of rearing their young so we can keep the plover population healthy.

See if you can spot any signs or fencing around where you live that might help look after our parks and local places.



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What is being protected?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



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Make a safe space for some of our local wildlife in your backyard

Choose an idea from the following:



## Make a BUG HOUSE

- ✓ It has lots of gaps of different sizes
- ✓ It has a waterproof cover
- ✓ It is filled with DRY natural materials



## Make a MINI POND

- ✓ The water is shallow (max. 2cm deep)
- ✓ I have included platforms for animals to sit
- ✓ It is in a safe and sheltered spot

Work through the checklist for each one to make sure you have everything covered. You can use whatever materials you have at home. Check that no unwanted pests have got in and make a few to give them a choice of hangouts.

**Make a plan  
of your design**



**List the equipment  
you will need**



**Take a picture  
of your new home**

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Send in photos of your creations to [juniorrangers@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:juniorrangers@parks.vic.gov.au)

**Want to do more?** Us humans can play a big part in keeping animals safe. Out and about we can keep our dogs on leads and away from vulnerable animals and at home, we can make sure we're not using chemicals in the garden that could harm the wildlife that comes to visit. Why not plant some bee friendly plants too! Let's keep our wildlife safe and plentiful.



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