

Healthy Habitat for Schools

Fact Sheet 5

Animal Attracting Plants

Attract native animals to your school yard with these plants:

Plants to attract honeyeaters:

- *Callistemon* species
- *Grevillea* species - particularly those with large flowers
- *Lophostemon grandiflorus*
- *Melaleuca* species
- *Melicope rubra* (syn *Evodiella muelleri*)
- *Xanthostemon chrysanthus*

Plants to attract fruit eating birds:

- *Acmena hemilampra*
- *Chionanthus ramiflora*
- *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*
- *Diospyros geminate*
- *Euroschinus falcate*
- *Ficus* species
- *Livistona decora*
- *Livistona drudei*
- *Pittosporum ferrugineum*
- *Pleiogynium timorense*
- *Syzygium* species



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- *Terminalia catappa*
- *Terminalia muelleri*

Plants to attract insect eating birds:

- *Bursaria tenuifolia*
- *Callistemon* species
- *Grevillea* species
- *Melaleuca* species
- *Xanthostemon chrysanthus*

Plants to attract parrots and cockatoos:

- *Casuarina cunninghamiana*
- *Pleiogynium timorensis*
- *Terminalia macrocarpa*

Plants to attract butterflies:

Plant Species	Butterflies
<i>Aristolochia tagala</i>	Cairns Birdwing, Big Greasy, Red-bodied Swallowtail
<i>Brachychiton australis</i>	Common Aeroplane
<i>Ficus</i> species	Common Crow, Two Brand Crow
<i>Graptophyllum</i> species	Orchard Swallowtail
<i>Melicope elleryana</i>	Ulysses Swallowtail
<i>Melicope rubra</i>	Ulysses Swallowtail
<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	Common Oak Blue

Whether you're in a temperate, sub tropical or tropical area consider growing these plants to attract butterflies:

<i>Acacia</i> species	<i>Grevillea</i> species
<i>Actinotus helianthi</i>	<i>Hakea</i> species
<i>Alphitonia excelsa</i>	<i>Hoya</i> species



<i>Amyema</i> species	<i>Hymenanthera dentate</i>
<i>Angophora</i> species	<i>Hypocalymma</i> species
<i>Aristolochia deltantha</i>	<i>Jacksonia scoparia</i>
<i>Banksia</i> species	<i>Jasminum lineare</i>
<i>Brachychiton</i> species	<i>Kunzea</i> species
<i>Brachyscome multifida</i>	<i>Leptospermum</i> species
<i>Bracteantha bracteata</i>	<i>Lomandra</i> species
<i>Breynia</i> species	<i>Lomatia</i> species
<i>Buckinghamia celsissima</i>	<i>Melaleuca</i> species
<i>Bursaria</i> species	<i>Microcirtus</i> species
<i>Callicoma serratifolia</i>	<i>Micromelum minutum</i>
<i>Callistemon</i> species	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i>
<i>Calytrix tetragona</i>	<i>Morinda</i> species
<i>Carex fascicularis</i>	<i>Olearia</i> species
<i>Cassia</i> species (some now <i>Senna</i>)	<i>Passiflora</i> species
<i>Chionochoa</i> species	<i>Poa</i> species
<i>Chrysocephalum</i> species	<i>Pomaderris</i> species
<i>Craspedia canens</i>	<i>Pultenaea</i> species
<i>Dianella</i> species	<i>Senna</i> species
<i>Doryanthes</i> species	<i>Tasmannia</i> species
<i>Eucalyptus</i> species	<i>Thelionema aespitosa</i>
<i>Exocarpus cupressiformis</i>	<i>Wahlenbergia</i> species

Plants to attract gliders and possums:

- *Acmena hemilampra*
- *Callistemon* species



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- *Eucalyptus crebra*
- *Eucalyptus tereticornis*
- *Lophostemon grandiflorus*
- *Melaleuca* species
- *Syzygium* species

Plants to attract koalas:

- *Eucalyptus crebra*
- *Eucalyptus tereticornis*

Plants to attract lizards:

- Any tufted grass or rush
- *Dianella atraxis*
- *Dianella caerulea*
- *Lomandra hystrix*
- *Lomandra longifolia*
- *Xanthorrhoea johnsonii*

Heavily mulched gardens

Plants to attract useful insects:

Common plant name	Desirable insects for your garden
Angelica, Queen Anne's lace and parsley	Lacewings, ladybugs, hover flies, parasitic mini wasps and tachinid flies.
Golden marguerite	Lacewings, ladybugs, hover flies, parasitic mini wasps and tachinid flies.
Alliums	Hover flies and parasitic mini wasps.
Carrots	Lacewings, hover flies, assassin bugs, big-eyed bugs and parasitic wasps.
Bergamot/bee balm	Hover flies
Coriander	Lacewings, ladybugs, hover flies, parasitic mini wasps and tachinid flies.

Common plant name	Desirable insects for your garden
White clover	Parasitic wasps and tachinid flies.
Candytuft	Syrphid flies
Dill and fennel	Lacewings, ladybugs, hoverflies, syrphid flies, tachinid flies and parasitic wasps.
Goldenrod	Ladybugs, hover flies, assassin bugs, big-eyed bugs and parasitic wasps
Feverfew and thyme	Hover flies
Lavender	Hover flies
Yarrow	Lacewings, ladybugs, hover flies and parasitic wasps.
Morning glory	Ladybugs and syrphid flies.
Speedwell	Ladybugs and hover flies.
Alfalfa	Ladybugs, assassin bugs, big-eyed bugs, damsel bugs and parasitic wasps.

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