

Wanted Poster

CSIRO National Science Experiment: CSIRO Wild Watch

Activity Overview

Create a Wanted Poster for a species of interest. You can either use the Wild Files to help determine a species to create the poster for or alternately select a species of interest.

Some of the information needed to fill in your wanted poster may need some additional research. Once you've got your poster, hang it around your school and local area to share what you've learned with others!

Instructions

1. Choose a CSIRO Wild Watch Wild File or another plant or animal of interest to create your wanted poster.
 - a. If your Wild File covers many different species, select one species as the focus for your poster.
 - i. For example, if your Wild File is Terrestrial Snails, you might want to do your research on *Cornu aspersum* - the European Garden Snail.
2. Use the CSIRO Wild Watch Wild File and ALA to learn more about your chosen plant or animal.
3. Fill in the CSIRO Wanted Poster template with the information you found in your research.
4. Make sure to include a digital image or draw one yourself.
5. Include some instructions to let people know to add their sightings to iNaturalist.
 - a. Hang your poster to increase the number of sightings in your area!

Example:

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Date: _____

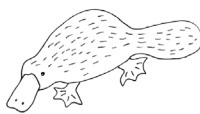
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Species Common Name: Platypus

Species Scientific Name: Ornithorhynchus anatinus

Picture:



Identifying Characteristics:

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Wild Location: Freshwater rivers and streams in eastern Queensland, New South Wales, eastern, central, and southwestern Victoria, and throughout Tasmania.

If you should find them:

1. Do not disrupt the platypus in any way. They scare easy.
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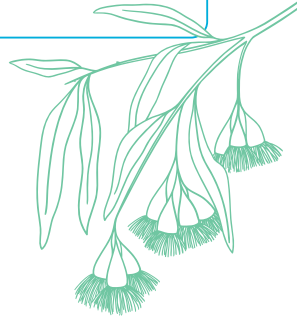
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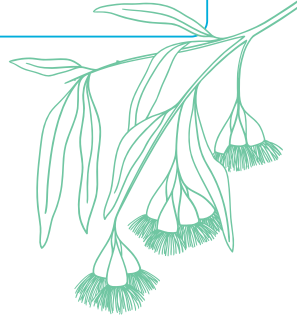
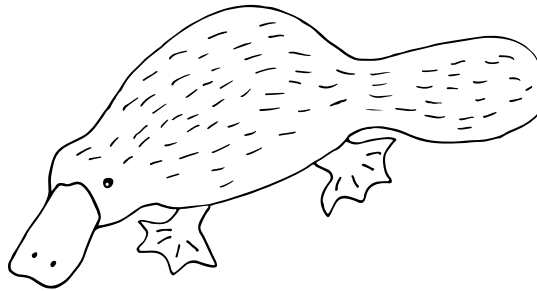
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References: [Platypus - The Australian Museum](#)