

In the Bush

In this series, Play School is filled with native flora and fauna as we explore the unique Australian bush!

Each day this week we take our “gumnut people”, Barney Banksia and Gabriella Gumnut, for a walk through the bush where they find native animals and plants and explore exciting landforms and landscapes.

“Through the windows” we observe possums at close range and native birds on Lake Eyre. We also benefit from a guide’s expertise on bush tucker and meet a family living on a farm in rural Victoria.

Monday



PRESENTERS

Teo Gebert – Emma Palmer

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

The Bush Walk

Author & Illustrator: Sandra Kendell
Publisher: Windy Hollow Books

FILM

Possums

(ABC Archival Footage)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Use a selection of natural materials found on a bush walk or in a park to make a nature art work. Bring the materials home and look at some pictures of native animals before creating.

SONGS

Walking in the Bush

Composer: Tony Stratton
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Echo Song

Composer: Colin Buchanan
Publisher: Rondor

Do the Cockatoo

Composers: Peter Dasent & Sophie Emtage
Publisher: Origin/Control

I like Peace, I Like Quiet

Composers: Michael Cole & Peter Gosling
Publisher: EMI Music/Control

Rock-a-bye, Humpty (Rock-a-bye, Baby)

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

Possum Up a Tree

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

MAKE AND DO



How to Make Gumnut People

You will need:

- Banksia cones
- Rubber bands
- Twigs
- Large gumnuts
- Tac

Twist a rubber band around a banksia cone. Thread through twigs for arms and legs.

Push some tac into a gumnut. Push the gumnut onto the top of the banksia cone for a head. The tac will hold the gumnut in place.

Make a few gumnut people, give them names and take them for a walk!



How to Make a Climbing Possum

You will need:

- A paper plate
- Brown paint
- A marker
- Safety scissors
- Tape
- A pipe cleaner
- A drinking straw
- String

Paint two paper plates brown and set aside to dry.

Once dry, fold one of the painted plates in half. Draw a nose at one end, across the fold. Draw an eye and whiskers above the nose, on either side of the fold.

Cut two triangle ears from the other painted plate and tape them above the eyes and ears you have drawn.

Tape on a pipe cleaner tail.

Cut a drinking straw in half. Open up the plate and tape half a straw on either side of the fold.

Tie two pieces of string to a tree, washing line or something you would like your possum to climb.

Thread a piece of string through each straw.

Pull the strings apart to make the possum climb.

Tuesday



PRESENTERS

Justine Clarke – Luke Carroll

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

The Frog Who Wouldn't Laugh

Author: Cecilia Egan

Illustrator: Elizabeth Alger

Publisher: J B Books

FILM

Birds at Lake Eyre

(ABC Archival Footage)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Find some bark that has fallen from a tree and use it as a canvas for a dot painting. Use cotton tips to dot on earthy coloured paints.

SONGS

I Can Sing a Rainbow

Composer: Arthur Hamilton

Publisher: Edwin Morris & Co.

It's Fun to Make Things

Composers: Scott Aplin & Phil Barton

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Platypus Paddle (The Wombat Wobble)

Composer: Val Donlon

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing c/o Mushroom Music

Walking in the Bush

Composer: Tony Strutton

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

I Can Fly

Composer: Lucille Wood

Publisher: Chambers Harrap

Der Glumph

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

Shake My Sillies Out

Composers: Raffi Cavoukian, Bert Simpson and Bonnie Simpson

Publisher: Homeland Publishing (SOCAN)

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing



MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Lorikeet

You will need:

- A paper cup with handles
- Paste
- Coloured paper
- A marker

Fold the cup handles out for wings.

Tear different coloured paper into small scraps.

Paste the paper scraps onto the cup.

Use a marker to draw eyes on the base of the cup

Paste a piece of paper to the base of the cup for a beak.



How to Make a Platypus

You will need:

- A cardboard cylinder
- Black paper
- Safety scissors
- Tape

Cut a bill, a tail and two pairs of black feet from black paper.

Tape the bill and tail to either end of the cylinder and the feet across the middle of the cylinder.

Wednesday



PRESENTERS

Alex Papps – Justine Clarke

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

You Are My Special Baby

Author: Carol Chataway

Illustrator: Danny Snell

Publisher: Working Title Press

FILM

Sleep Over at Grandma's

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Each state and territory in Australia has its own floral (plant) and faunal (animal) emblem. Find out what they are in your state or territory.
- Play a musical bird game! Draw or find pictures of four different Australian birds. Place the bird pictures in different places around a room. Discuss the differences in each bird. Ask an adult to be in charge of playing music. When the music plays, fly around the room like a bird. When the music is paused, the adult has to shout out the name of one of the birds in the room and everyone has to fly to the picture of that bird as quickly as possible. Extend the game by giving clues about the bird instead of naming it. Good birds to use are rainbow lorikeets, owls, emus and magpies.

SONGS

Peek-a-Boo

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

Hoppity Hop the Kangaroo

Composer: Jean Edna Webb

The Gumtree Family

Composers: Peter Dasent & Arthur Baysting

Publisher: Origin/Control

Walking in the Bush

Composer: Tony Strutton

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Ocean Motion (The Hokey Pokey)

Composer: Jimmy Kennedy

Publisher: Publisher Campbell Connelly & Co.

May I Come Over to Your Place?

Composer: Henrietta Clark

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing



MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Koala

You will need:

- Grey cardboard
- Tape
- A marker
- Safety scissors

Roll a piece of grey cardboard into a cylinder and secure with tape.

Tear a koala head shape from another piece of grey cardboard. Draw on a koala face and tape to the cylinder

Tear a smaller koala head shape for a baby koala from cardboard. Draw on a face.

Make a slit near the bottom of the cylinder for a pouch. Put the small koala into its mother's pouch.

Thursday



PRESENTERS

Alex Papps - Leah Vandenberg

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

TOLD STORY

A Garden for Everyone

(A story told by the Play School team)

FILM

Bush Tucker

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Make some leaf tiles! Soften some clay and make several square, flat shapes. Place a different leaf on each shape (leaves with defined veins work best). Rub across each leaf with your hands. Peel off the leaves to reveal prints. When the tiles are dry, decorate using coloured paint.

SONGS

What Shall We Do?

Composers: Peter Dasent & Mark Barnard

Publisher: Origin/Control

Walking in the Bush

Composer: Tony Strutton

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Two Little Apples

Composers: M. Miller & Paula L. Zajan

Publisher: EMI Music

Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees

Composers: Wally Johnson & Bob Brown

Publisher: Mushroom

The Wheels on the Barrow (The Wheels on the Bus)

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

Doin' It (Making the Garden Grow)

Composer: Peter Dasent & Arthur Baysting

Publisher: Origin



MAKE AND DO



How to Make Fruit Dip

You will need:

- 2 kiwi fruits, halved with skins removed
- ½ cup raspberries
- ½ cup Greek yoghurt
- 1 tablespoon honey
- A blender
- A selection of fruits for dipping such as pear, banana and apple

Place kiwi fruit, raspberries, yoghurt and honey in the blender and blend until smooth.

Slice a selection of fruits.

Pour fruit dip into a bowl and arrange sliced fruit around it for dipping.

Friday



PRESENTERS

Teo Gebert – Leah Vandenberg

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

TOLD STORY

Show Day

(A story told by the Play School team)

FILM

Emily's Farm

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Play a "What's in the Box?" game with a friend or family member. Hide toys or items from around your house in boxes. Describe each item. What does it look like? What does it do? Where would you find it? Your friend or family member has to guess what's hiding in the box!

SONGS

The Wombat Wobble

Composer: Val Donlon

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing c/o Mushroom Music

Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree

Composer: Marion Sinclair

Publisher: Larrikin Music

Walking in the Bush

Composer: Tony Strutton

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

This is the Way

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

If You're Happy and You Know It

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing



MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Frilled Neck Lizard, a Kookaburra and an Echidna

A Frilled Neck Lizard

You will need:

- A stick
- A rubber band
- A fern

Find a stick and a fern in the garden.

Tie a rubber band around the stick and thread the fern through the rubber band for a frill.

A Kookaburra

You will need:

- A banksia
- A rubber band
- Two long leaves

Tie a rubber band around a banksia flower.

Push two long leaves under the band for the kookaburra's wings

An Echidna

You will need:

- Clay
- Sticks
- Two small gumnuts

Mould the clay into a round shape with a protruding nose.

Break some sticks into short lengths and push them into the round shape for spines.

Press two small gumnuts into the echidna's face for eyes.