

SCHOOL BIODIVERSITY AUDIT SCORECARD

How does your school environment's biodiversity rate?

Biodiversity category	What to look for	Points	Your score
Trees	Fewer than 10 large trees (over 6m)	1	
	More than 11 large trees	2	
	Most trees Australian natives	3	
	Most trees locally native trees	4	
	Most trees locally native and older than 20 years	5	
Shrubs	A few	1	
	Lots	2	
	Most shrubs Australian natives	3	
	Most shrubs locally native	4	
Ground cover	Large lawn area	1	
	Small lawn area	2	
	Mulched flower garden beds	3	
	Native grasses or low spreading plants	4	
Beetle and bug habitat	More than 10 dead branches or logs	4	
	More than 10 large rocks	4	
	Large areas of leaf litter	4	
Bird habitat	More than 20 locally native trees and shrubs	4	
	10-20 locally native trees and shrubs	3	
	Freshwater ponds or dams	4	
Native animal habitat	Areas of native bush with understorey	4	
	More than 20 locally native trees and shrubs	3	
	More than 5 dead trees with hollows	3	
	10-20 locally native trees and shrubs	2	
Frog habitat	Native wetland area	3	
	Large dams or ponds	2	
TOTAL SCORE			

How does your school rate?

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| 50 + | Excellent. Look after what you've got. |
| 34 – 50 | Very good. There's room for improvement. Try planting more locally native trees, shrubs and grasses |
| 10 – 24 | Good. Try to look at ways you can improve habitat for native animals, birds and insects. |
| Under 10 | Talk to other students, staff and the schools' grounds staff about how to improve biodiversity within the school environment. |

For more information, go to [How to protect your school's environment](#)