



# How to Help Wildlife - An Eco Rangers Guide

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## THINGS YOU CAN DO

- Put out a bowl of water for animals (place some sticks and/or stones in it to create different levels so small animals can climb out safely. DO NOT offer water from a bottle as it can cause secondary drowning)
- Provide a 'fruit kebab' tied to a tree (nb. only when animals are affected by starvation events so they don't become reliant on humans for food)
- Donate money to wildlife charities and organisations
- Give items that are needed by wildlife carers and organisations
- Support your local wildlife sanctuary by visiting or buying an annual pass
- Reduce use of plastics and other non-biodegradable items, and recycle
- Observe wildlife in nature, but do not disturb them or their environment
- Contact your local wildlife centre if you find a sick or injured animal
- Carry an emergency kit in case you need to help a sick or injured animal (see below)
- Make pouches, nests, possum boxes, koala mittens etc where needed
- Plant trees, grow your own food (herbs, fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds)
- Volunteer to help
- Dispose of rubbish and take part in clean-up days
- Keep a nature diary

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Wildcare (SE QLD): (07) 5527 2444

RSPCA Queensland: 1300 264 625

WIRES (NATIONAL): 1300 094 737

For craft ideas, call outs and patterns go to the Animal Rescue Craft Guild Facebook group

## WHAT TO KEEP IN YOUR ECO RANGERS WILDLIFE KIT

- pet/plastic carrier for mammals
- cardboard box for birds
- breathable bag for reptiles
- woolen blanket or towel for handling animals
- a rolled blanket for mammals to hold on to
- sheet to cover carriers
- different sized pouches
- disposable gloves
- thick, protective gloves
- heat source (hot water bottle, wheat pack or instant heat pack)
- torch