



Dolphin Research Australia
Knowledge, Awareness, Action – Conserving Our Seas



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PLANT FOR OUR BLUE PLANET

MY REWILD YOUR PATCH PLAN

Small changes for wildlife, waterways & our ocean

You don't need a big backyard to make space for nature. Use this sheet as you move through the workshop to create a simple, achievable plan for your own patch.

1. MY PATCH

Start with the space you have - a backyard, courtyard, balcony or even a few pots.

My space is: ☐ Backyard ☐ Courtyard ☐ Balcony ☐ Pots ☐ Other: _____

My space is mostly: ☐ Sunny ☐ Part shade ☐ Shady ☐ A mixture

What do I already have? Think plants, trees, flowers, water, rocks, logs, leaf litter or other habitat.

What type of soil do I have? (Tick if known)

☐ Sandy — gritty, drains quickly ☐ Clay — sticky when wet, holds water ☐ Loamy — crumbly, mixture of sand, silt and clay ☐ Potting mix — growing in pots or containers ☐ Not sure yet!

How well does my soil drain?

☐ Dries out quickly ☐ Stays moist ☐ Sometimes waterlogged ☐ Not sure



What does your patch already have?

Take a look at your existing space. What plants, natural features and wildlife habitat are already present? Tick all that apply.

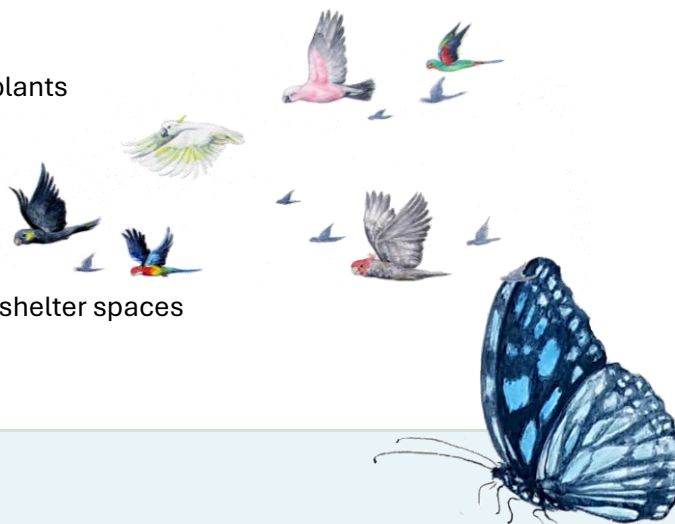
Plants & vegetation

Think about the vegetation layers in your garden – Canopy, mid-storey & under-storey/ground covers

- ☐ Native trees ☐ Shrubs ☐ Flowering plants
☐ Grasses & groundcovers ☐ Climbers ☐ Potted plants

Habitat features

- ☐ Leaf litter ☐ Rocks or logs ☐ Mulch
☐ Water source ☐ Dense vegetation ☐ Nesting or shelter spaces



2. WHO WOULD I LIKE TO WELCOME?

Choose the wildlife you would most like your patch to support.

☐ Native bees & pollinators	☐ Butterflies & other insects	☐ Birds
☐ Frogs	☐ Lizards & reptiles	☐ Other: _____

3. WHAT DOES MY PATCH NEED?

Wildlife needs food, water, shelter and safe places to live and breed. Tick one or more habitat features you could add to your existing patch.

☐ Native flowering plants	☐ Dense shrubs or grasses	☐ Groundcovers
☐ Water	☐ Rocks or logs	☐ Leaf litter
☐ Different plant layers	☐ Nesting/shelter features	☐ Other: _____

The habitat feature I most want to add is: _____

Tip – you can record what species of animals visit your patch over time by becoming a citizen scientist and simply uploading photos of different animals to iNaturalist.

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4. RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE

With help from our workshop experts, note plants that suit your space, conditions and the wildlife you'd like to support.

PLANT	WHY IT SUITS MY PATCH	WILDLIFE / HABITAT BENEFIT



5. GARDEN WITH NATURE

Is there something I could stop, reduce, remove or change to make my patch healthier for wildlife and our waterways? Then note an alternative you could try.

I COULD...	INSTEAD, I COULD TRY...
☐ Reduce synthetic pesticides	_____
☐ Reduce synthetic herbicides	_____
☐ Reduce synthetic fertilisers	_____
☐ Remove/replace an invasive or problematic plant	_____
☐ Reduce excess watering or runoff	_____
☐ Leave more leaf litter/natural material	_____
☐ Other: _____	_____

One earth-friendly alternative I'd like to try: _____

6. MY FIRST ACTION

Choose one achievable action you can take first. Small actions are easier to start - and they add up.

My first action: _____

When will I start? ☐ This week ☐ This month ☐ When I'm ready: _____

7. MY OCEAN CHAMPION PLEDGE

Write one simple commitment you want to take home from today's workshop.

I WILL

