

YELLAGONGA WETLAND ECOLOGY EDUCATION RESOURCE

ACSS 0002 Biological Sciences, Science Understandings: Living things have basic needs, including food and water.



Elaborations

- Recognising **the needs of living things** in a range of situations such as plants and animals in bushland.
- **Comparing the needs of plants and animals.**

Teaching Points

- A need is something a plant or animal must have in order to survive.
- A want is something a plant or animal would like to have but is not necessary for survival.

Pre-excursion

- Discuss the difference between a need and a want. Draw a T chart comparing needs and wants and complete as a class. Children could complete their own T chart using drawings of words or a collage of magazine pictures.
- Where do animals live? Discuss different habitats – e.g. turtles live in the water, Corellas live in the trees, skinks live on fallen tree trunks.
- Where do plants live? Discuss different habitats – reeds live in and near water, Paperbark trees live in moist areas near water, Eucalypt and Banksia trees live away from the water.

During the excursion

- See Year 1 for suitable resources: e.g. **Find That Plant Activity Cards**
- Make observations of the environment by:
 - Doing bark and leaf rubbings.
 - Drawing plants and animals.
 - Using digital cameras to record images of the environment.
 - Looking at the differences between the park environment and the natural bush.

Post-excursion

- Make a display of the children's observations and the photographs taken.
- Further ideas can be found at **wildlifefun4kids.com**