My BioBlitz passport

Find it. Photograph it. Colour a circle. 27-30 November 2026

Part of the Great Southern BioBlitz, happening right across the Southern Hemisphere

My first name _____ **My class** _____ **My school** _____

Colour one circle for every living thing you find. Try to find 5 of each!

A grown-up takes the photo and uploads it. Turn over for how to take a good one.



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A flower

I think one was _____



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A tree

I think one was _____



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A fern or moss

I think one was _____



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A mushroom

I think one was _____



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A shell or seaweed

I think one was _____



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A bug

I think one was _____



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A spider

I think one was _____



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A butterfly or moth

I think one was _____



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A bird

I think one was _____



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A frog or lizard

I think one was _____



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A furry animal

I think one was _____



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Anything else alive

I think one was _____

How many different kinds did you find?

6 **BRONZE** kinds

9 **SILVER** kinds

12 **GOLD** kinds

All 60 circles? You are a Super Explorer.

Bring your passport in by Friday 4 December to claim your prize.

How it works

1

Find something wild.

A plant, a bug, a bird, a mushroom. It has to be wild. Pets, farm animals and flowers someone planted in a garden do not count.

2

A grown-up takes the photo.

Take two or three photos of the same thing, not just one. For a plant, photograph the whole plant, then a leaf, then the flower. For a bug, photograph it from above and from the side.

3

The grown-up uploads it to iNaturalist.

Your circle only counts once the photo is uploaded. The app records where and when by itself, as long as the phone's location is switched on.

4

Colour in a circle.

One circle for each living thing you find. Five circles for each kind. Write down what you think one of them was.

What makes a good photograph

- Get as close as you can without touching anything.
- If it is blurry, take it again. A blurry photo cannot be identified.
- More than one photo of the same thing is always better than one.
- Leave everything where it is. Do not pick it, and do not move it.
- Wild things only. Not the dog, not the sheep, not Mum's roses.

Signatures

A teacher signs for what you found at school. A grown-up signs for what you found at home or at the beach.

Teacher _____ **Grown-up** _____

Claiming your prize

Bring your finished passport to Ritchies IGA Balnarring with a grown-up.
Last day to claim: Friday 4 December 2026.

For grown-ups

Observations are made on your phone, under your own iNaturalist account. No child is named and no faces go into the app.

Before you start, check that location is switched on for your camera or for iNaturalist. The app takes the date, time and place from the photo, so there is nothing to type in. If location is off, the record cannot be used.

These four days are the Great Southern BioBlitz, which runs across the entire Southern Hemisphere. Western Port is taking part as one place, from Crib Point down to Flinders and across to Red Hill. Scan the code to see our project and what everyone is finding. Prizes close on Friday 4 December, but uploading and identification stay open until 14 December.

Every photograph you take becomes a real scientific record, kept for scientists and planners to use.