## NSA Nature Club LOCAL HABITAT KNOWLEDGE



Discover the amazing diversity and beauty of your local habitat.

To earn these badges, you will need to complete the six activities listed below. For the last activity, you can choose your own and fill in the box. Have fun learning about your local habitats.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Go for a walk and decide what kind of nature habitat you live in. Urban, Bush, Coastal?	Learn the major habitats of Australia.	Learn the major habitats of Australia and their characteristics.	
Find out the name of the Indigenous First People who originally lived in your area. Learn their name.	Find out the name of the Indigenous First People who originally lived in your area. Learn their name.	Find out the name of the Indigenous First People who originally lived in your area. Learn their name.	
Discover what local food source used to be available. Is it still available?	Discover what local food source used to be available. Is it still available? Write about it.	Read two books about your local flora and fauna.	
Make a list of local wildlife.	Make a list of local wildlife.	Make a list of local flora and fauna.	
Make a list of local plants.	Make a list of local plants.	Find where the closest bushwalks are to your home. Walk two of these.	
Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	







## SEASONAL SIGNS



Discover the amazing wonder of seasonal signs.

To earn these badges, you will need to complete the six activities listed below. For the last activity, you can choose your own and fill in the box. Have fun learning about seasonal signs in your local area.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Learn the four seasons of the year.	Learn the four seasons of the year and the Indigenous seasons for your area.	Learn the four seasons of the year and the Indigenous seasons for your area.	
Learn what changes happen in each of the four seasons.	Make a phenology wheel for the year. Start at whatever month it is now.	Make a phenology wheel for the year. Start at whatever month it is now.	
Draw a picture of a deciduous tree in each of the four seasons.	Take photos of a deciduous tree throughout the year.	Write a bush story for each season.	
Learn the indigenous seasons for your area. How many are there?	Learn what happens on a farm during the different seasons.	Watch for any migrating birds. Keep a journal of these birds.	
Read an Australian book about the seasons changing.	Read an Australian book about the seasons changing.	Read an Australian book about the seasons changing.	
Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	







## WEATHER



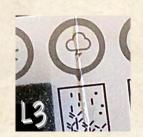
Discover awesome weather.

To earn these badges, you will need to complete the six activities listed below. For the last activity, you can choose your own and fill in the box. Have fun learning about weather.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Record the temperature for 1 week.	Record the weather for 2 weeks.	Record the weather for a month.	
Record the rainfall for 1 week.	Check the weather report each day and compare it to your records.	Check the weather report each day and compare it to your records.	
Describe the wind and clouds for 1 week.	Learn the names for cloud types.	Learn the names for cloud types. Draw them in your journal.	
When you write in your nature journal, remember to include the weather each time.	When you write in your nature journal, remember to include the weather each time.	When you write in your nature journal, remember to include the weather each time.	
Read a book about weather.	Read 2 books about weather.	Make a graph showing your weather records for the month.	
Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	







# DIRECTIONS/MAPPING



Learn about directions and mapping.

To earn these badges, you will need to complete the six activities listed below. For the last activity, you can choose your own and fill in the box. Have fun learning directions and mapping.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Find Australia on a map. Find the state you live in on a map.	Find where you live on a map of Australia.	Learn the GPS coordinates of where you live.	
Use Google maps to find your house.	Learn how to read the directions and symbols on a map.	Learn how to read the directions and symbols on a map.	
Make a map of your local area or favourite place.	Make a map of your local area or favourite place.	Learn how to use a compass.	
Learn the different points of a compass.	Learn how to use a compass.	Using a paper map, on a bush walk, use your compass to locate your position.	
Learn what the different symbols on a map mean.	Use Google maps to calculate the distance between places.	Make a map of your favourite nature spot.	
Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	







## NIGHTSKY



Discover the amazing wonder of the night sky.

To earn these badges, you will need to complete the six activities listed below. For the last activity, you can choose your own and fill in the box. Have fun learning about the night sky.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Take out a book about the night sky from the library.	Choose 4 constellations from the Southern sky to learn about.	Choose 6 constellations from the Southern sky to learn about.	
Learn to find the Southern Cross in the sky.	Find them in the night sky.	Find them in the night sky.	
Draw a picture of the Southern Cross in your nature journal.	Draw a picture of them in your journal and name the stars in each.	Draw a picture of them in your journal and name the stars in each.	
Learn when the summer and winter solstice occur.	Learn the phases of the moon and keep a monthly phenology wheel for the moon.	Learn the phases of the moon and keep a monthly phenology wheel of the moon.	
Learn the phases of the moon.	Keep a record of time for when the sun sets and the moon rises for 1 month.	Keep a record of time for when the sun sets and the moon rises for 1 month. Make a graph.	
Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	







### ROCKS



Discover the amazing wonder of rocks.

To earn these badges, you will need to complete the six activities listed below. For the last activity, you can choose your own and fill in the box. Have fun learning about rocks.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Take out a rock field guide from the library or buy your own.	Take out a rock field guide from the library or buy your own.	Take out a rock field guide from the library or buy your own.	
Start your own rock collection.	Start your own rock collection.	Start your own rock collection.	
Measure and weigh your rocks.	Learn how to test for hardness.	Learn how to test for hardness. Decide on the hardness for the rocks in your collection.	
Read a book about rock collecting.	Learn how to test for streak.	Learn how to test the streak of a rock.  Describe the streak of the rocks in your collection.	
Look at a rock collection in a museum.	Look at the rock collection in a museum.	Learn the difference between metamorphic, sedimentary and igneous rocks.	
Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	Choose your own activity.	







## HABITAT SERIES

Below is an easy reference chart for where you can find information and extra activities on this topic in the Nature Study Australia Guides.

Australian Nature	Australian Backyard	Living Book Guides	Habitat Series
Study Guide Volumes			
1-4	Volumes 5-8	A Bush Calendar	Ocean, Dessert,
	VOIMINGS 9-0		Woodlands
Vol 1 Lesson 3 Summer Trees	Vol 5	All the lessons are applicable	Ocean Guide
Lesson 8 Autumnal Equinox		to local knowledge and	
		seasonal signs	
Vol 2 Lesson 3 Autumn Trees	Vol 6 Lesson 2 Migration		Desert Guide
Lesson 10 Winter Solstice	Lesson 7 Topor		
	Lesson 8 Weather		
	Lesson 9 Rocks		
Vol 3 Lesson 1 Winter Tree			Woodlands Guide
Lesson 10 Vernal Equinox			
Vol 4	Vol 8 Lesson 3 Direction		