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SPECIAL PD!

Discover curriculum opportunities! Star Swamp, City of Stirling



Middle Childhood primary teachers – all learning areas
Secondary teachers – Geography, Science,
– Society & Environment

Threatened animals and ecosystems: tuart woodlands

You are invited to take part in a special PD hosted by the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Greening Australia (WA).

What's involved?

- Free curriculum resources are supplied for use in schools (including an Action Pack and activities to promote the values of wetlands).
- Experience hands-on *Western Shield* research and monitoring methods.
- Develop your own knowledge and understanding of tuart woodlands.
- Take part in a vegetation transect.
- Understand the links between soil type and plant communities.
- Discover some of the threats to the biodiversity of tuart woodlands on the Swan Coastal Plain and how you and your students can contribute to their conservation.
- Get an overview of CALM's and Greening Australia (WA)'s curriculum resources.

When: Friday 27 May 2005

Time: 8.30am – 3pm

Cost: \$55 (inc GST) per teacher (includes lunch and curriculum resources)
\$33 (inc GST) special offer for pre-service teachers

Where: Herderson Environmental Centre, Groat Street, North Beach

Curriculum links

Cluster of Values: Environmental Responsibility,
Social and Civic Responsibility

Science: Working Scientifically: Investigating;
Acting responsibly; Science in Society
Understanding Concepts: Life and Living

Society & Environment: Investigation,
Communication and Participation;
Natural and Social Systems

English: Speaking and Listening; Viewing; Reading



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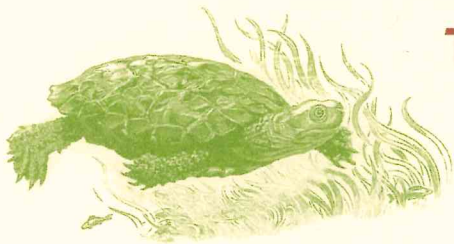
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Teacher professional development



What's it all about?

This PD will provide secondary school teachers of Geography, Society & Environment and Science with a wealth of information, guidance and ideas for activities at school or at Star Swamp to enable you to use this woodland for your own excursion activities.

For primary school teachers the PD will provide you with the pre and post visit activities to prepare your students for an excursion led by CALM's EcoEducation Officers. You will also develop your own knowledge and understanding of tuart woodlands and the biodiversity they contain.

Resources you will receive include a:

Free *Western Shield* Action Pack that addresses the

- cluster of values for Environmental Responsibility and Social and Civic Responsibility;
- encourages collaborative group work;
- focuses on inquiry as a process of learning;
- explores a variety of learning techniques; and
- provides opportunities for students to reflect on their learning.

Threatened animals and ecosystems excursion

The excursion is part of the *Western Shield* Schools Program which includes professional development, resources, excursions and camps.

This PD is just one of a series being held at the Henderson Environmental Centre as part of the joint initiative between CALM and Stirling City Council; a partnership which aims to encourage the interest and involvement of young people in the conservation of Star Swamp, its animals and plants.

Western Shield is the biggest wildlife conservation program ever undertaken in Australia. It aims to bring native wildlife back from the brink of extinction by controlling introduced predators, the fox and the feral cat.

Star Swamp is an island of serenity and peace, a small wetland forest valued for bush walking and nature study. It includes a tuart woodland, remnants of a much larger area of tuart now in decline. The Henderson Environmental Centre adjacent to Star Swamp is a well-equipped interpretive centre. It is an ideal venue for school group activities and a starting point for woodland walks and exploration.



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