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The latest news from your friendly *Nearer to Nature* team.

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Hi Nicole Wreford

Issue No. 15

**Wanju (welcome)**

Thursday, 12 September 2024



# Nearer to Nature Schools

2024 is

nearly over; and spring school holidays are just around the corner.

This year has gone so fast and we only have one term left.

There are a few spots available if you are looking for a way to consolidate your student's learning this year. Use the link below to make an enquiry.

## **2025 Schools Program**

Bookings for our 2025 Nearer to Nature School programs are now open!

We are designing a new and easier to use website, but in the meantime, you are able to make your booking enquiries here: [Nearer to Nature Schools | Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions \(dbca.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/nearer-to-nature-schools)

Program dates can book out very early, make sure you get the date you need by following the link about and chat to our bookings officer to secure that all important date!

## New programs!



You may notice a few changes as we streamline our programs and include some exciting new ones!

Students participating in our new *Nocturnal Fauna Monitoring* program recently learnt about fauna monitoring methods using camera traps, light tents for invertebrate observations and sand pads to see what tracks animals leave behind! This is a fantastic new offering and is available to book now - [Nocturnal Fauna Monitoring-Perth Metro - Parks and Wildlife Service WA Reservations \(rezdy.com\)](https://www.rezdy.com/australia/western-australia/perth-metro-parks-wildlife-service-wa-reservations).

Please email us if you have any questions, queries or feedback at [n2n@dbca.wa.gov.au](mailto:n2n@dbca.wa.gov.au)



# Nearer to Nature Community

## Spring School Holiday Program

Get ready for a blooming awesome spring adventure as we explore everything from forests, wetlands and beaches during these September/October school holidays! Our nature-packed program will spark your child's curiosity, get them moving and help them discover a love for the environment across the greater Perth metropolitan area. They'll learn about our unique wildlife, and enjoy two weeks filled with fun and discovery. Make sure you don't miss out, book now!

## Nearer to Nature

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PERTH AND SURROUNDS

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

For information and bookings  
<https://exploreparcs.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-inspired/nearer-nature-activities-community>

MONDAY 23 SEPT	TUESDAY 24 SEPT	WEDNESDAY 25 SEPT	THURSDAY 26 SEPT	FRIDAY 27 SEPT
<p><b>Public Holiday - Kings Bday</b></p>	<p><b>Wildlife by Water #</b> 9am-11am 8-15 yrs Claughton Reserve, Bayswater</p> <p><b>Turtley Awesome Wetlands</b> 9:30am - 11am 4-7 yrs ESBS </p>	<p><b>Who's Who *</b> 9.30 - 11am 4-11 yrs PLEEC</p> <p><b>Underwater Wonders Meet the Scientists #</b> 1pm-3pm 12-17 yrs IBFR</p>	<p><b>Adventure Caving #</b> 10am-12pm 8-10yrs YNP</p> <p><b>Caving Quest #</b> 1pm - 3pm 8-12yrs YNP</p> <p><b>World Rivers Day</b> 9am- 1pm 16+yrs Point Walter</p>	<p><b>Baby Birds</b> 9.30am - 11am 4-7 yrs SP Lake Douglas </p> <p><b>Birds, Blooms and BBQ with 'Bird Man' Eric McCrum</b> <b>FREE Family event</b> 9.30am -12pm Families 4+ yrs PHDC </p>
<p><b>MONDAY 30 SEPT</b></p> <p><b>Fabulous Fairy Terns</b> 9.30am - 11am 4-7yrs Point Walter </p> <p><b>Something Fishy #</b> 10am - 12pm 8-15yrs SWIMP</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY 1 OCT</b></p> <p><b>Dolphin Discovery</b> 9:30 - 11am 4-7 yrs Deep Water Point Point Walter </p> <p><b>Wild Soundscapes: Sound Mapping #</b> 10am - 12pm 8-15 yrs NHP</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 2 OCT</b></p> <p><b>Naturescape Day Camp #*</b> 9am - 3pm 8-14 yrs RTNKP</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 3 OCT</b></p> <p><b>Egg-cellent Adventure</b> 9:30 - 11am 4-7 yrs CREEC</p> <p><b>Bug Safari: Water vs Land Adventure #*</b> 12pm - 2pm 8-14 yrs CREEC</p>	

CREEC Canning River Eco Education Centre | YNP Yanchep National Park | PLEEC Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre RTNKP Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park | PHDC Perth Hills Discovery Centre | SP South Perth | SWIMP Shoalwater Islands Marine Park NHP Neil Hawkins Park | ESBS Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary | IBFR Iluka Beach Foreshore Reserve

\*Activity has an animal encounter  
#drop and leave activity

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## Spring School Holiday - Top Picks



**\* FREE FAMILY EVENT \***

*Presented by 'Spring into Parks', an initiative of the WA Parks Foundation, with support from Lotterywest.*

### **Birds, Blooms and BBQ with 'Bird Man' Eric McCrum**

**Friday 27th September 2024**

**9.30am - 12pm**

**Perth Hills Discovery Centre**

**Families 4+years**

Bring your family and join us at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre this spring. Meet Eric McCrum, a well-known founding member of the Darling Range Naturalist Club. Eric has a wealth of knowledge about plants and animals in and around our beautiful jarrah forest and is known as the 'Bird man' from ABC radio.

Learn about wildlife, specifically focusing on birds that Eric captures in his stunning photographs. You might even spot a few of these beautiful birds on the day. You will be make a bird nest provider to take home and then head out on a wonderful wildflower walk through the jarrah forest

to see what we can find. When we return, we will fire up the barbie for a sausage sizzle, giving us a chance to relax and share our nature adventures.

Thank you to the WA Parks Foundation's 'Spring into Parks' program for sponsoring this program so it is **FREE** to attend!

**Bookings are essential and tickets will sell fast!**



### [Fabulous Fairy Terns](#)

30th Sept 2024

9.30-11am

Point Walter

Ages 4-7yrs

The Fairy Tern is one of Australia's smallest and rarest seabirds. Each year in spring, many of them migrate to the Point Walter sandbar to lay their eggs and raise their chicks. However, nesting so close to human activity has many challenges and the Fairy Terns are at risk! Join us at **Point Walter Reserve**, to learn all about the fabulous fairy terns, why this area is so important to their survival and how we can all help to protect these amazing birds. Finish off the morning with your Fairy Tern inspired craft!



## [Naturescape Day Camp](#)

**2nd October 2024**

**9am - 3pm**

**Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park**

**8 - 14yrs**

Get ready for a day of outdoor adventure at Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park! Pack your lunch, roll up your sleeves, and join us as we explore the basics of camping in nature. Learn some amazing bush skills, set up a camp shelter for the day, take on Naturescape challenges, play fun games, make some nature craft and explore the amazing wildlife around you. Plus, you'll have a chance to meet some local wildlife up close in a friendly animal encounter! This DROP OFF activity is perfect for ages 8-14yrs.

## **Spring School Holiday Program - Quick Activity Links**

Program and booking information below.

<https://exploreparcs.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-inspired/nearer-nature-activities-community>

**24th Sept - Tuesday: [Wildlife by Water](#) - 8 - 15yrs - Claughton Reserve, Bayswater.**

**DROP OFF Activity.**

**24th Sept - Tuesday:** [Turtley Awesome Wetlands](#) - 4-7 yrs - Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary, Bayswater

**25th September - Wednesday:** [Whoo's Who](#) - 4 - 11yrs - Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, Winthrop

**25th September - Wednesday:** [Underwater Wonders: Meet the scientists](#) - 12 - 17yrs - Iluka Beach Foreshore Reserve, Iluka. DROP OFF Activity.

**26th September - Thursday:** [Adventure Caving](#) - 8 - 10yrs - Crystal Cave, Yanchep. DROP OFF Activity.

**26th September - Thursday:** [Caving Quest](#) - 10 - 12yrs - Crystal Cave , Yanchep. DROP OFF Activity.

**26th September - Thursday:** [World Rivers Day](#) 16+ yrs - Point Walter, Bicton

**27th September - Friday:** [Baby Birds](#) - 4 - 7yrs - Lake Douglas, South Perth

**27th September - Friday:** [Birds, Blooms and BBQ with 'Bird Man' Eric McCrum](#) Family activity - 4+yrs - Perth Hills Discovery Centre, Mundaring

**30th September - Monday:** [Fabulous Fairy Terns](#) - 4 - 7yrs - Point Water, Bicton

**30th September - Monday:** [Something Fishy](#) 8 - 15yrs - Shoalwater Island Foreshore Reserve, Shoalwater. DROP OFF Activity.

**1st October - Tuesday:** [Dolphin Discovery 4-7yrs](#) - Deep water Point, Point Walter, Bicton

**1st October - Tuesday:** [Wild Soundscapes: Sound Mapping](#)- 8 - 15yrs - Neil Hawkins Park, Joondalup. DROP OFF Activity.

**2nd October - Wednesday:** [Naturescape Day Camp](#) - 8 - 14yrs - Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park. DROP OFF Activity.



3rd October - Thursday: [Eggs-cellent Adventure](#) 4 - 7yrs - Canning River Eco Education Centre, Wilson

3rd October - Thursday: [Bug Safari: Water vs Land Adventure](#) - 8 - 14yrs - Canning River Eco Education Centre, Wilson DROP OFF activity.

## Zippy's Bush Kindy is back for Term 4 at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre



Rio Tinto Naturescape King Park's, Zippy's Bush Kindy program is back for term 4 at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre.

Join Zippy the Dragonfly on an early learning adventure at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre. The program has one 45-minute session per week over an 8-week term, this interactive program will ignite your child's curiosity and strengthen their connection to nature.

Each term provides new experiences that nurture children's confidence to explore, question and make discoveries. The program is also designed to reflect different themes, the changing seasons, and introduce new skills through nature play activities. Watch your child bloom as they learn at their own pace and grow in confidence and knowledge, with time to play, create, share stories and care for the natural world.

## Program dates

### Term 4 - 'I am a bushland superhero' - Bookings now open

**Dates:** Mondays 14th October to 2nd December 2024

**Venue:** Perth Hills Discovery Centre - 380 Allen Road, Mundaring

**Time:** 9.30am - 10.15am

[Book Here](#)

To book for Zippy's Bush Kindy at Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park or to find out more information look [here](#).



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