

GREAT GRASSLANDS: A GUIDE TO EDUCATION RESOURCES



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BOOKS

Early Primary School

‘Yurri’s Birthday’ by Sue Atkinson

Story about Yurri the possum (features an Eastern Barred Bandicoot with drey). Introduces indigenous perspectives.

‘Yurri’s Manung’ by Sue Atkinson

Story about Yurri the possum (features an Eastern Barred Bandicoot with drey). Introduces indigenous perspectives.

‘Tucker’ by Wendy Notley

Story book about eating indigenous food. Introduces indigenous perspectives.

Middle Primary School

‘Leaf Litter’ by Rachel Tonkin

A book exploring the passage of time and interconnectedness in the undergrowth (features the life cycle of animals and a Murnong daisy)

‘Puggle’ by Catriona Hoy

A book about the life of a baby echidna rescued by a wildlife carer after it’s mother is injured.

Reference and secondary

‘Land of the Kulin: discovering the lost landscape and the first peoples of Port Phillip’ by Gary Presland

Reference about the history and artefacts of what was here before Melbourne.

‘People of the Budj Bim’ by The Gunditjmara people with Gib Wettenhall

General reference, includes History, description of culture, technology, maps and lifestyle.

Plants of Melbourne’s Western Plain. A gardener’s guide to the original flora. 2nd edition

Australian Plants Society: Keilor Plains Group.

Reference text of the Victorian Volcanic Plains plants and ecology.

Inquiries: bookorders@apskeilorplains.org.au

‘Revegetation: what to plant, where and how in the Moorabool Shire area’ by Jennifer Sheridan

An easy-to-follow guide to revegetation in grassland areas.

‘Victorian Koorie Plants’ by Beth Gott and John Conran

A guide to plants of significance to the Koorie people of Victoria, includes plant use and illustrations.

‘People of the Merri Merri: The Wurundjeri in Colonial Days’ by Isabel Ellender and Peter Christiansen.

Text with information and stories of the Wurundjeri from 1835.

‘Identification Handbook for Native Grasses in Victoria’ by Meridith Mitchell

Field guide with key identification features of grass.



EXCURSION

With education programs

Mt Rothwell Biodiversity Interpretation Centre, Little River

www.mtrothwell.com.au

Zoos Victoria — Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee

www.zoo.org.au/education

Ecolinc, Bacchus Marsh

www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au

Serendip Sanctuary, Lara

parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/serendip-wetlands-education-facility

The National Wool Museum, Geelong

www.geelongaustralia.com.au/nwm

Werribee Park, Werribee

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/werribee-park>

Museum Victoria, Carlton

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/>

Royal Botanical Gardens, Melbourne

<http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/learn>

Greening Australia

<http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/index.php?nodeId=279>

The Connies

http://www.connies.com.au/about_us

Vox Bandicoot

<http://www.voxbandicoot.com.au/>

Volcano Dreaming

http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Services/Environment_and_sustainability/Taking_care_of_theland/Wild_locals/Volcano_Dreaming_Resources

Self-Guided

Parks Victoria

Organ Pipes National Park, Keilor North

Terrick Terrick National Park, Terrick Terrick

Cragieburn Grasslands Nature Conservation Reserve, Cragieburn

Derrimut Grasslands Nature Conservation Reserve, Derrimut

www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

Mount Elephant, Derrinallum

www.mountelephant.com.au

Mount Cottrell, Rockbank

vro.dpi.vic.gov.au/dpi/vro/portreg.nsf/pages/pp_eruption_points_cottrell

Malcolm Creek Adventure Playground, Grand Boulevard Craigieburn

www.stockland.com.au/residential/vic/highlands-golden-sun-moth-adventure-playground-open.aspx

www.melbourneplaygrounds.com.au

Penshurst Volcano Museum, Penshurst

www.penshurstvolcano.org.au

Monash University Aboriginal Plants garden, Clayton

www.monash.edu.au/about/glance/social-inclusion/indigenous/garden.html

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Eugene von Guérard, Nature Revealed

Landscape and Environment

Australian Impressionism

Remembering Barak

Lives and times – living Australia artists

Explore scenes using the NGV collection

www.ngv.vic.gov.au/learn/schools-programs

EXCURSION



CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Zoos Victoria

Common Cents Challenge

Support the Eastern Barred Bandicoot Captive breeding program

<http://www.zoo.org.au/loveyourlocals/common-cents-challenge>

Fighting extinction: 20 priority threatened species

<http://www.zoo.org.au/fighting-extinction/priority-native-threatened-species/grassland-earless-dragon>

Victorian National Parks Association

Nature Watch

monitoring grassland species. Assist with monitoring endangered species.

<http://vnpa.org.au/page/volunteer/naturewatch/grasslands-threatened-species-project>



NATIVE PLANT NURSERIES WITH GRASSLAND PLANTS

VINC (Victorian Indigenous Nursery Cooperative)

Kew

<http://www.vinc.net.au/>

Newport Lakes Native Nursery

Newport

Ph:(03) 9391 0044

Western Plains Flora

Wildwood

Ph: (03) 9740 3178

Greybox & Grasslands Indigenous Nursery

Balliang East

Ph: (03) 5369 5221



ONLINE EDUCATION RESOURCES

Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment

Exploration of the Striped Legless Lizard and threatened species.
Recommended for Upper Primary

<http://www.vvpcmn.org/2010/02/education-resource-legless-lizard/>

Ecolinc's Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains

Exploration of the field guide, quadrats and food webs. Recommended for levels 3 to 9.

<http://bwvp.ecolinc.vic.edu.au/>

Gould League's online food webs

Recommended for levels 4 to 6.

http://www.gould.edu.au/foodwebs/kids_web.htm

The State Library' school resources for the Batman treaty

Recommended for Secondary.

<http://ergo.slv.vic.gov.au/explore-history/colonial-melbourne/pioneers/batmans-treaty>.

Aboriginal History of the Yarra

exploration of the Batman treaty. Recommended for Secondary.

<http://aboriginalhistoryofyarra.com.au/4-treaty/>.

'Walk the Talk'

recognition of aboriginal culture and history.

<http://www.walkthetalk.org.au/>



HELPFUL ORGANISATIONS

Merri Creek Management Committee

<http://www.mcmc.org.au/>

IFFA (Indigenous Flora and Fauna Association)

<http://www.iffa.org.au/>

Parks Victoria

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/learning-and-discovery/information-for-students/ecosystems/grasslands>

Melton City Council

[http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Services/Environment and sustainability](http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Services/Environment_and_sustainability)

Brimbank City Council

[http://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/Homepage Links](http://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/Homepage_Links)

Hume City Council

<http://www.hume.vic.gov.au/Homepage>

Victorian National Parks Association

<http://www.vnpa.org.au/>

Victorian Volcanic Plains Conservation Management Network

<http://www.vvpcmn.org/>

Trust for Nature

<http://www.trustfornature.org.au/>

Northern Plains Conservation Management Network

<http://www.northernplainscmn.com.au/>

The Peshurst Volcano Museum

<http://peshurstvolcano.org.au>



GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Australian Government Information Sheets on endangered Grassland habitats of Victoria (with detailed maps and descriptions):

Information sheet on the Volcanic Plains Grasslands

Nationally Threatened Ecological Communities of the Victorian Volcanic Plain: Natural Temperate Grassland & Grassy Eucalypt Woodland (Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC), 2011w). Available from the Australian Department of the Environment here:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/publicshowcommunity.pl?id=42>

A guide to the ecosystems of the Victorian Volcanic Plains and information on the Australia’s national environment law, the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

Nationally Threatened Ecological Communities of the Victorian Volcanic Plain: Natural Temperate Grassland & Grassy Eucalypt Woodland. Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, 2011. Available from the Australian Department of the Environment here:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/resource/nationally-threatened-ecological-communities-victorian-volcanic-plain-natural-temperate>

Information sheet on the Murray Valley Plains Grasslands

Farming and nationally protected Natural Grasslands of the Murray Valley

Plains (Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC), 2012w). Available from the Australian Department of the Environment here:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/publicshowcommunity.pl?id=117>

Articles

Information sheet on the Grey Box (*Eucalyptus microcarpa*) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia:

Grey Box (*Eucalyptus microcarpa*) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-Eastern Australia - EPBC Act policy statement (Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC), 2012k). Available from the Australian Department of the Environment here:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/grey-box-booklet.html>

Listings of federally recognised threatened species

Available from the Australian Department of the Environment here:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/biodiversity/threatened-species-ecological-communities/threatened-species>



PLUSH TOYS

Secret Gully Puppets

Wombat, Echidna, Platypus

<http://www.secretgully.com.au/>

Zoos Victoria shop (online and on site, can vary between zoo campus)

Eastern Barred Bandicoot, Tiger snake, Gecko, Brush-tail Rock Wallaby

Echidnas on the Loose

h, Rosella, Superb Fairy Wren, Magpie, Sulphur Crested Cockatoo, Emu

<http://www.echidnasontheloose.com.au>

Australian Geographic

Eastern Grey Kangaroo

<http://shop.australiangeographic.com.au/>

Teddy Treasures

Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Black swan

<http://www.teddytreasures.com.au/category-all-aussie-animals-205.aspx>

Hansa Toys

Microbat, Wombat, Kangaroo, Echidna, Sugar Glider, Owl

<https://hansatoystore.com> (often at Zoo shops)

Wildlife Queensland

Spot-tail Quoll

<http://www.wildlife.org.au/store/merchandise.html>



FACT SHEETS

Northern Plains Conservation Management Network factsheet

<http://www.northernplainscmn.com.au/documents/13-Northern-Plains-Grassland-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Restoring a native grassland community by Merri Creek Management Committee

http://www.mcmc.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=319%3Arestoring-a-nativengarri-djarrang&Itemid=350



VIDEOS & ARTIFACTS

Museum Victoria's Wild Exhibit. Protecting precious grassland fragments.

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/discoverycentre/wild/victorian-environments/wild-science/protecting-grasslands/>

Grasslands of the Victorian Basalt Plains by Colleen Miller

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISH4tp_fm0I

Grasslands inquiry unit with Derrimut Primary School and Sparkl

<http://vimeo.com/50864270>

Artifacts

The State Library Victoria has many reference artifacts available: use key terms to search their data-base or contact their education and research teams for advice <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/explore/research-tools>

