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

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 its 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

Werribee Park, Werribee

Museum Victoria, Carlton

Royal Botanical Gardens, Melbourne

Greening Australia

The Connies
Vox Bandicoot  

Volcano Dreaming  

**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  

Malcolm Creek Adventure Playground, Grand Boulevard Cragieburn  
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
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Zoos Victoria

Common Cents Challenge
Support the Eastern Barred Bandicoot Captive breeding program

Fighting extinction: 20 priority threatened species

Victorian National Parks Association

Nature Watch
monitoring grassland species. Assist with monitoring endangered species.
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.

Gould League’s online food webs
Recommended for levels 4 to 6.

The State Library’ school resources for the Batman treaty
Recommended for Secondary.

Aboriginal History of the Yarra
exploration of the Batman treaty. Recommended for Secondary.

‘Walk the Talk’
recognition of aboriginal culture and history.
HELPFUL ORGANISATIONS

Merri Creek Management Committee
http://www.mcmc.org.au/

IFFA (Indigenous Flora and Fauna Association)

Parks Victoria

Melton City Council

Brimbank City Council

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

Northern Plains Conservation Management Network

The Penshurst Volcano Museum
http://penshurstvolcano.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), 2011). Available from the Australian Department of the Environment here:

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).

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:

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:

Listings of federally recognised threatened species
Available from the Australian Department of the Environment here:
PLUSH TOYS

**Secret Gully Puppets**
Wombat, Echidna, Platypus

**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

**Teddy Treasures**
Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Black swan

**Hansa Toys**
Microbat, Wombat, Kangaroo, Echidna, Sugar Glider, Owl
https://hansatoystore.com (often at Zoo shops)

**Wildlife Queensland**
Spot-tail Quoll
FACT SHEETS

Northern Plains Conservation Management Network factsheet

Restoring a native grassland community by Merri Creek Management Committee
Museum Victoria’s Wild Exhibit. Protecting precious grassland fragments.

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