

Bug Hunt at Rippon Lea Estate

POLLINATOR OBSERVATORY LOCATIONS



Look for the butterfly that marks the pollinator observatories location.

A pollinator observatory is a plant that pollinators are attracted to. This is where pollinator insect interactions can be recorded.



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DATA SHEET











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Insects are everywhere. Without insects, our lives would be very different. Insects pollinate our fruit, flowers, vegetables and indigenous plants and play a vital role in healthy urban ecosystems. Become a 'citizen scientist' to help us learn more about the insect pollinators that call Glen Eira home. Citizen science is flourishing around the world and allows the general public to contribute to the collection of scientific data. Below are some of the insects you may find at Rippon Lea Estate.

Instructions

- 1 Visit any pollinator observatory (see map overleaf). Make sure the plant is in flower at the time of your survey. You can do one or all of them!
- 2 Visit each selected pollinator observatory for seven minutes (chosen plants for observatories will be clearly labelled). Stand quietly or slowly move around the plant, being careful not to disturb insects. Once you observe an insect landing on a flower, tick the type of insect on your data sheet and note the pollinator observatory number. Only record insects you see land on a flower (not on a leaf or stem).
- 3 Once your observation is complete, drop this data sheet to the ticket office and it will be recorded in the *Atlas of Living Australia*, a national biodiversity database.

Insects to observe photos:
Dingy swallowtail Getty Images.
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Insects to observe		Record	Pollinator Observatory numbers
Native bees		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Little blue butterflies		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Blue-banded bees		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Skipper butterfly		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Painted lady butterfly		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hoverflies		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cabbage white butterfly		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dingy swallowtail butterfly		<input type="checkbox"/>	
European honeybee		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yellow admiral butterfly		<input type="checkbox"/>	