



USEFUL WEB SITES

Birds in Backyards

Birds Australia has developed research-based guidelines to help urban dwellers create bird refuges in all domestic gardens from high-density urban landscapes to rural townships. Find their very informative website at www.birdsinbackyards.net/spaces/guidelines.cfm.

The NSW Biodiversity Strategy The NSW Biodiversity Strategy was set up by the state government in 1999. It involves a range of government agencies, working together to conserve biodiversity in NSW. <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/npws.nsf/Content/SBS+Home>

FaunaNet The Australian Museum has developed a website dealing specifically with the Fauna of NSW - called FaunaNet. The aim is to provide a means for the Australian Museum to communicate its research results, and to provide both the scientific and broader communities with access to information on the biodiversity of NSW. FaunaNet (weblink: <http://www.faanet.gov.au/>) includes the following components:

- FaunaNames - provides easy access to the New South Wales Master Names List (MNL), a list of the valid scientific names of animals found in New South Wales useful for taxonomists, systematists, biologists and ecologists.
- FaunaMap - the Australian Museum's online fauna mapping system through which you can: create maps showing the collecting location of specimens held in the Australian Museum fauna collection and obtain a list of the species held in the AM collections
- Invertebrate Resources - a database of resources focused on the field of invertebrate research and discovery, including websites, books, CD's, journals and online keys, as well as organisations devoted to invertebrate research and conservation.
- FaunaKeys - access to a range of illustrated, interactive, taxonomic keys for identifying selected invertebrate and vertebrate groups in New South Wales and Australia.
- Wildlife of Sydney – which provides natural history information on a wide variety of animals that might be encountered in and around Sydney.

Soil mapping and resource tool A web-based soils mapping and resource tool has been launched by CSIRO, the Australian Soil Resource Information System (ASRIS). ASRIS provides online access to the best available soil and land resource information in a consistent format across the country. It has been developed for a broad range of users including natural resource managers, educational institutions, planners, researchers, and community groups. To use the mapping and web based tools go to http://www.asris.csiro.au/index_ie.html

Weeds of Blue Mountains Bushland www.weedsbluemountains.org.au

Nursery & Garden Industry Flora for Fauna www.floraforfauna.com.au

NSW National Parks www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

**Grassy ecosystems management kit**

Grassy Ecosystems Management Kit: A Guide to Developing Conservation Management Plans (2005) aims to help people to better manage grassy ecosystems on their land for their ecological values, while taking into account existing land uses. It is suitable for use by regional planning groups, Landcare groups and individual land holders or land managers. Published by Environment ACT, Canberra, the kit can be ordered online: <http://www.environment.act.gov.au/nativeplantsandanimals/>

Wetlands Help-line website

This website is designed to help people with an interest in the conservation and wise use of wetlands to access information and seek out programs and organisations that offer expertise and help in this field. <http://www.mainstream.com.au/Helpfront.htm>

Wildlife Atlas

contains recorded sightings of plants, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and endangered invertebrates in New South Wales. It does not contain records of fish. Use the search form below to find recorded sightings and maps of plants or animals in a particular area. <http://wildlifeatlas.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/wildlifeatlas/watlas.jsp>

Australia's leading guide to choosing an energy efficient appliance

<http://www.energyrating.gov.au/>

By choosing a greener vehicle, you can make a real difference. The Green Vehicle Guide helps you by rating new Australian vehicles based on greenhouse and air pollution emissions. The rating is calculated using data provided by manufacturers from testing the vehicle against Australian standards

<http://www.greenvehicleguide.gov.au/GVGPublicUI/ApplicationFirstStartTaskWebForm.aspx>

Green power— <http://www.greenpower.gov.au/home.aspx>

BASIX— <http://www.sustainability.nsw.gov.au/information/about.jsp>

Local Agenda 21—<http://www.environment.gov.au/esd/la21/index.html>

Sydney Water— [saving water http://www.sydneywater.com.au/SavingWater/](http://www.sydneywater.com.au/SavingWater/)

Grey water

<http://www.deus.nsw.gov.au/water/Greywater/Greywater.asp>

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/ehb/general/wastewater/greywater_policy.pdf

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