

How bug-friendly is your place?

How bug-friendly is your place? (Your place could be your garden, school, kindy or local park). Here's a simple way of finding out:

1. How many bugs are there?

Have a good look at around your place. How many bugs can you find hiding?

- Excellent** - Lots of bugs seen – record the different types
- OK** - Some bugs seen – record the different types
- Poor** - No bugs seen

2. Bug habitat

What does the area look like? Is it bug-friendly? Score your result below:

- Excellent** - Dense growth of trees, shrubs and plants with lots of places for bugs to hide
- OK** - Some trees, shrubs and plants present and some places for bugs to hide
- Poor** - Short lawn or bare soil or concrete with no trees shrubs or flowers or bird nesting places for bugs to hide

3. Site connection

Looking at your site, is it near other areas of native vegetation or plantings? Score your result below:

- Excellent** - This site is connected to an area of dense native bush or plantings
- OK** - This site is connected to an area with some plantings
- Poor** - This site is isolated. It is surrounded by short lawn, bare soil or concrete with no places for bugs to hide

4. Bug food

Is there much food available for bugs? Score your result below:

- Excellent** - Lots of fruiting trees and shrubs for food, tangly shrubs for nesting, flowers for insects (including beetles, caterpillars and spiders)
- OK** - Some fruiting trees and shrubs for food, tangly shrubs for nesting, flowers for insects and invertebrates (including beetles, caterpillars and spiders)
- Poor** - Not many trees and flowers for food or shrubs for shelter. It is surrounded by short lawn, bare soil or concrete with no places for insects to feed or live

How well did your site do? Do the bugs in your area need some help?

