

THE GREAT WILDLIFE DISCOVERY CHALLENGE



Imagine winning two nights in beautiful accommodation at the edge of the forest, at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, or perhaps a family pass to Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk or Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, a meal at Bearded Dragon, a Steve Parish nature book, or a wildlife day-tour.

You only need **answer nine of the challenges**

(2 travel questions and 7 others)

Further details on <http://branches.wildlife.org.au/scenicrim>

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Winners will be announced at the Wildlife Expo, Beaudesert, 18th July 2010.

Challenge your brain!
Learn about our wildlife
WIN GREAT PRIZES!
Free Entry

Challenge 1

How many names of creatures can you make from the letters of

MOOGERAH PEAKS NATIONAL PARK

that might actually be seen in this corner of the Scenic Rim?

How many other animal name can you find from those letters that definitely won't be seen here?
(You should be able to find at least 10 of each)

For any particular animal name, do not use any letter more often than it appears in the words above

Challenge 2

Three fans, three brushes, one square, wedge and ring

How can these be connected with one kind of thing?

It's a part of an animal, no not just one,

Nine species of animal – now for the fun!

Tell us what part of the animals these

Fans, brushes, squares, rings and wedges are, please

But more, can you tell us the species as well,

And remember, they all in the Scenic Rim dwell.

Some are feathered, some furred, and all different sizes

This may bring you closer to one of the prizes.

Challenge 3

In the 2007 Mammal Week at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, what was the most surprising thing about the bat caught at Luke's farm? What six fields of research does the Australian government's action plan for this bat recommend?

(clue- go to the O'Reilly's website, then the website of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and follow appropriate links from each)

Challenge 4

Find a hotel within the Scenic Rim that bears the name of a lizard found throughout the region and beyond. Then tell us what that lizard is and also what species Jacqueline is (hint: explore their website).

Challenge 5

TRAVEL QUESTION – YOU NEED ONLY ANSWER TWO OF THESE IN TOTAL

A butterfly rests by the tail of a snake
And a plump little bird begins to awake
These and others in circle meet
At Binna Burra's end of street

What are the names of all that appear(Hint: several walks begin very near)?

Challenge 6

TRAVEL QUESTION – YOU NEED ONLY ANSWER TWO OF THESE IN TOTAL

Towards treetops a robin shares a sign
With two other birds who on insects dine,
And after a place for a shady rest,
You can see where one of these built a nest.
Now tell us which nest, and how it looks
(the sign won't tell you – try google or books)
What other birds on this Green Mountains trail
Appear on the signs (and often for real)?

NOTE: the nests appear to have come down with a storm – but they were hanging nests covered with lots of lichen etc., with a side-opening, which should give you a clue

Challenge 7

TRAVEL QUESTION – YOU NEED ONLY ANSWER TWO OF THESE IN TOTAL

Atop a mountain, an easy drive,
Open forest and tall heath thrive.
Near Mee-bor-rum Circuit a campground sign,
With a picture of a bird you'll find.
Why is its name appropriate to
The things the sign will tell you to do?
Not many metres away from here
Five other creatures on a sign appear.
Tell us, to possibly win a treat
What they are and what they eat.
(hint: think western)

Challenge 8

TRAVEL QUESTION – YOU NEED ONLY ANSWER TWO OF THESE IN TOTAL

Find a word to follow ‘Flinders’ and you’ll name

A geological feature in our shire.

Use this same word and add another

And a town to the west will transpire.

This eight letter word will further describe

(though the word itself doesn’t appear)

a warning to drivers to take special care:

What animal features here?

Before you leave this western town,

See an educational wall

With Indigenous art clearly viewed from the street.

Name the animals (six in all)

Challenge 9

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Challenge 10

TRAVEL QUESTION – YOU NEED ONLY ANSWER TWO OF THESE IN TOTAL

Towards the treetops a robin shares a sign

With two other birds who on insects dine,

And after a place for a shady rest,

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Now tell us which nest, and how it looks

(the sign won’t tell you – try google or books)

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Challenge 12

Combine a dash of 'prime ale' with a town northwest of Boonah and a settlement north of Rathdowney. From the 23 letters you should now have, take away two classes of vertebrates and rearrange the remaining letters to form the name of a well-loved local creature belonging to yet another class of vertebrates (hint: you can try googling 'vertebrate' and 'class' if you're not sure what those terms mean)

Challenge 13

TRAVEL QUESTION – YOU NEED ONLY ANSWER TWO OF THESE IN TOTAL

“A LONGER PUP”, somewhat confused, will lead you to this southern destination.

Along the road by the same name, look for the colours of the buildings at a place whose name tells you three mountains are viewed from here. A little further, opposite a road with a German name, is a sign for a farmstay – note the colour of the sign (not the letters). Further still, another sign points to the last accommodation (and camping) along the route. Note the colours of the letters. Now name at least one (you might manage two) local species whose names start with each of these three colours (they can be mammals, birds, reptiles, frogs or invertebrates).

Now that you've arrived at the end of the road

Two threatened birds appear on the sign

“Out of sight but not out of mind.”

There are threats a-plenty that these birds face,

Tell us those that are mentioned at this place.

There is something both these birds really need

That is mentioned here – what do you read?

Another bird, two mammals and a frog appear.

So one last thing – tell us which ones are here.

Challenge 14

TRAVEL QUESTION – YOU NEED ONLY ANSWER TWO OF THESE IN TOTAL

A town that starts with a rodent name

Is the focus of this part of our game.

Near a wagon is a building green.

Inside some local plants are seen.

Three very rare plants appear on one wall

And below them three birds (quite common, all).

Tell us their names, and what they eat,

And now – before you leave this street –

Stroll to the building with painted train

And you'll see signs with birds again.

Four Scenic Rim signs show routes to explore

And birds are displayed here – on all four.

Tell us their names, and if you do

Maybe one of the prizes will come to you.

Challenge 15.

TRAVEL QUESTION – YOU NEED ONLY ANSWER TWO OF THESE IN TOTAL

In the hotel that bears a lizard's name a feral animal is mentioned above the 'Billabong' sign near the entrance, and two ferals RIP on a high shelf inside. What are they and what effect has each of the three had on our native wildlife?

Another animal's name resides inside the brand name on the yellow and black sign near Table number 84. When approximately is this animal thought to have arrived in Australia (and how is it thought to have come here)?

A native creature is mentioned on a sign nearby – what is the warning, and why does it say we should respect this creature's feelings?

Challenge 16.

TRAVEL QUESTION – YOU NEED ONLY ANSWER TWO OF THESE IN TOTAL

Enter a café leading to a walk to the treetops on the mountain that sounds like a percussion instrument.

Paying to go through the turnstyle leads you to a great experience, but you won't need to actually go through to answer these questions, just stand at the turnstyle and look through.

Who is Pavarotti and who is the decorator (and why?)

How many times does the creature that gives its name to the café appear within the yellow frame?

What insect family is represented in the glass terrarium to the left?

Challenge 17

Which of the following endangered species live in the Scenic Rim?

For those that do live in the Scenic Rim, tell us what they eat and what kind of habitat they live in.

- ❖ Coxen's figparrot
- ❖ Night parrot
- ❖ Eastern bristlebird
- ❖ Regent honeyeater
- ❖ Hastings River mouse
- ❖ Bilby
- ❖ Eastern quoll
- ❖ Spotted-tailed quoll
- ❖ Hairy-nosed wombat
- ❖ Western swamp turtle
- ❖ Mary River turtle
- ❖ Fleay's frog
- ❖ Giant barred frog

And now for the final challenge

Challenge 18 (last one!)

Look at this list of animals that are found in the Scenic Rim and tell us which ones:

- A. Are found only in northeast NSW and southeast Qld
- B. Are found down south but reach their northern limits in southeast Queensland
- C. Are found up north but reach their southern limits in southeast Queensland or northeast NSW
- D. Are found extensively along the east coast of Australia

Dusky antechinus (*Antechinus swainsonii*)
Subtropical antechinus (*Antechinus subtropicus*)
Long-nosed bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*)
Eastern pigmy-possum (*Cercartetus nanus*)
Common brushtail possum (*Trichosurus vulpecular*)
Mountain brushtail possum or bobuck (*Trichosurus cunninghami*)
Feathertail glider (*Acrobates pygmaeus*)
Long-nosed potoroo (*Potorous tridactylus*)
Whiptail wallaby (*Macropus parryi*)
Brush-tailed rock-wallaby (*Petrogale penicillata*)
Eastern tube-nosed bat (*Nyctimene robinsoni*)
Eastern false pipistrelle (*Falsistrellus tasmaniensis*)
Hoary wattled bat (*Chalinolobus nigrogriseus*)
Eastern broad-nosed bat (*Scotorepens orion*)
Large forest bat (*Vespadelus darlingtoni*)
Hastings River mouse (*Pseudomys oralis*)
Australian water rat (*Hydromys chrysogaster*)
Fawn-footed melomys (*Melomys cervinipes*)
Orange-tailed Shade Skink (*Saproscincus challengeri*)
Short-limbed Snake-skink (*Ophioscincus truncates*)
Blue-speckled Forest Skink (*Eulamprus murrayi*)
Eastern crevice skink (*Egernia mcphreei*)
Major skink (*Egernia frerei*)
Land mullet (*Egernia major*)
Eastern water dragon (*Physignathus lesueurii*)
Southern angle-headed dragon (*Hypsilurus spinipes*)
Loveridge's frog (*Philoria loveridgei*)
Fleay's frog (*Mixophyes fleayi*)
Marsupial frog or Pouched frog (*Assa darlingtoni*)

(HINT – you can quite easily find the information in nature books in the library, or by using Google)

Good luck! Remember, there are several prizes to win, and the satisfaction of solving puzzles and learning about the wonderful wildlife we share our region with.