

Junior Field Naturalists SA

Nature Festival 2021

Hi Junior Field Naturalists,

Below are examples of the over 200 events being held during the upcoming **Nature Festival** which runs from **25 September to 4 October**.

The Nature Festival is 10 days of events, encounters and experiences to celebrate our love of nature in South Australia.

You are encouraged to participate in the many and varied activities that are suitable for all ages. **Book soon!** Many events are sold out already.

For all the details, check out: naturefestival.org.au



Typical events include:

Wildlife Treasure Hunt

*From **Ferox australis**, the team who helped create Mozzie Monitors and the Great Southern Bioblitz. The ethos of this organisation is to increase public environmental education through the use of citizen science-related tools and initiatives. The founders include Stephen Fricker and Larissa Sousa who gave us a presentation in July last year on the Great Southern Bioblitz and how to use iNaturalist.*

When: Sunday 26 September, 9am to noon

Where: Belair National Park. The exact meeting location will be in the carpark on the Western side of Gums Oval within the park. A 10-minute waiting period will be held for participants who are running late.



Cost: \$10 per ticket

More Info: <https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/wildlife-treasure-hunt>

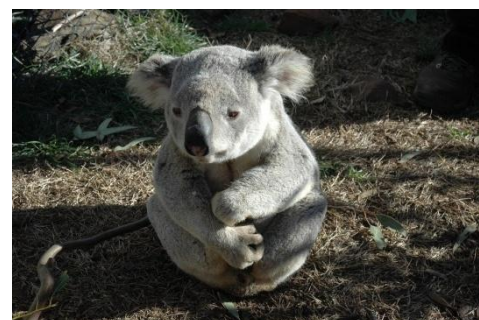
What you will do

Become a citizen scientist and discover the treasure trove of wildlife that exists within Belair National Park! This is a great opportunity to get your friends or family involved in citizen science, or to discover the different wildlife that exists within our parklands.

For the event, each participant or group will be given a list of species they need to find. Each species will be allocated a number of points. Species that are harder to find will be worth more points. It is then the goal of participants to discover as many species as possible (both plants and animals) within the allocated time frame, using the iNaturalist app on their mobile device.

At the end of the allocated time period, results will then be tallied, and the top two participants with the most points will win one of two prizes.

- **1st prize** will win either a family pass or a 1-year membership from Zoos SA.
- **2nd prize** will win a copy of the 'Wildlife of Greater Adelaide' book.



Make sure you download the iNaturalist app before the event.

Birdwatching Stroll around the Oaklands Wetland



When: Sun 26 Sept; 30 minute sessions at 1.30pm, 2.15pm & 3pm

Where: Oaklands Wetland and Reserve, 237-265 Oaklands Road, Oaklands Park

Cost: Free

More Info: <https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/birdwatching-stroll-around-the-oaklands-wetlands>

An opportunity for both adults and children to enjoy identifying and learning more about local birdlife. Oaklands Wetland and Reserve is home to at least 70 species of birds. See how many you can spot on this 30 minute stroll through the wetlands.

Join a small group with Andrew Crouch, local birdwatcher and member of Friends of Sturt River Landcare (who adopted this reserve in 2014).

Arrive early and take part in the activities that are part of the *Explore Warripari Sturt River: celebrating art, nature and place* event. Visit the Friends of Sturt River Landcare display in main event area.

Native Wildlife Nest Box workshop

When: Tuesday 28 September, 10am to 12.30pm

Where: Holdfast Bay Community Centre, YMCA, 51 King George Ave, Hove

Cost: \$10 ticket

More Info: <https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/native-wildlife-nest-box-workshop>



Hollows play an important role for native birds, bats and possums.

Join James Smith of **fauNature** to discover how we can support our native wildlife. This workshop is ideal for families, small groups or individuals.

Learn about:

- the importance of natural hollows
- hollow-dependant wildlife
- issues faced by hollow-dependant fauna/wildlife
- the best positions for nesting boxes
- maintaining nest boxes



Participants are then welcome to build a nest box to encourage wildlife in your backyard.



Tickets to the workshop only are \$10. Participants will also have the opportunity to build a nest box on the day at a very heavily subsidised cost:

- Medium Parrot Box \$16.50 (normally \$ 46.50)
- Small Parrot Box \$12.00 (normally \$ 42.00)
- Brushtail Box \$18.50 (normally \$ 48.30)



Explore Bat World

When: Wed 29 Sept, 6pm to 8pm

Where: Botanic Park, Plane Tree Drive, Adelaide

Cost: Donation

More Info:

<https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/explore-bat-world-0>



Join in a tour of the magnificent Flying-fox colony, then watch the truly spectacular fly-out at dusk.

Walk around Adelaide's only Flying-fox Colony, learning as you go about these incredible animals. There will be activity sheets for the children to have fun with on their walk of discovery.

As the sun begins to set you will observe the Flying-foxes getting ready for their nightly feeding travels. Then get ready to watch the amazing spectacle that is the fly out. *You will be truly mesmerised!*



Native Bee Workshop

When: Thurs 30 Sept, 10.30am to noon

Where: City of Holdfast Bay, Brighton Civic Centre

Cost: \$10 per person or per family sharing one bee hotel (up to four people in a family).

More info: <https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/native-bee-workshop>



Learn about the important role Native Bees play in our environment. Bee hotel and indigenous plant pack provided.

Make a Native Bee Hotel and explore the special role of these fascinating creatures in our environment. Take home three native bee "restaurant" plants to feed native bees in your garden.



Explore Bat World Picnic & Tour

When: Sunday 3 October, 1pm to 3pm

Where: Botanic Park, Plane Tree Drive, Adelaide

Cost: Donation

More Info: <https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/explore-bat-world-picnic-tour>



Join in a picnic right under Adelaide's very own Flying-fox colony, then take a guided tour.

This will be an experience of excitement and adventure! Bring a picnic and a rug. Children can dress up in their best fancy dress and there will also be bat wings available for loan.

Listen to experienced Flying-fox rescuers and carers talk about these amazing animals. Includes a question and answer time.

Finally, you will take a tour of the Flying-Fox colony and learn more about these amazing animals and see where they live. Children will be able to do a nature trail around the park as you take the tour. Show bags will be provided for children to take home. *A fun and educational day for all.*

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