



# Here are some simple, practical things all of us can do to help protect our environment:

- ✓ Conserve habitats that support native fauna – even if you live in an urban area, small shrubs and dense patches of grass can provide habitat for birds and mammals.
- ✓ Even weedy areas can be wildlife habitat – so try to learn more about the particular value of habitats in your area, e.g. are threatened birds breeding in your paddock of exotic pasture grasses? If so, can delay slashing the paddock until nesting season is over.
- ✓ Control domestic pets - don't let dogs or cats roam freely, especially at night when native mammals are most active. Pets roaming in the bush are much more vulnerable to snakes and ticks.
- ✓ Recognise the importance to biodiversity of remnant vegetation and of nature reserves and national parks;
- ✓ Learn how to identify the local weeds and how to control them – local Landcare groups provide regular training in this.
- ✓ Never dump garden clippings in bushland, these are a source of invasive weeds.
- ✓ Talk with your neighbours and friends about biodiversity issues in your area, collective knowledge can be powerful;
- ✓ Slow down in the car to avoid collisions with wildlife, especially at night. Encourage others to do the same.
- ✓ Think about what you consume – over consumption contributes to climate change, and results in more plastic and other waste ending up in our environment, where it impacts native wildlife.
- ✓ Do not plant vegetation next to roads that attracts wildlife: e.g. flowering plants can attract lorikeets and flying-foxes, increasing the incidence of roadkill;
- ✓ Do not provide breeding sites for cane toads, they breed in open ponds.
- ✓ Volunteer – there are many local groups in this area working to protect and care for our native wildlife. They always welcome more help.

## Reduce your Carbon Footprint

Climate change is one of the greatest threats to native wildlife.

**Ways you could reduce your carbon footprint could include:**

- Rationalise vehicle use; car pool when you can.
- Minimise overseas flights.
- Reduce your energy consumption at home and at work.
- Reduce your water use – creating clean water uses a lot of energy.
- Buy locally produced goods and services.

