

BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

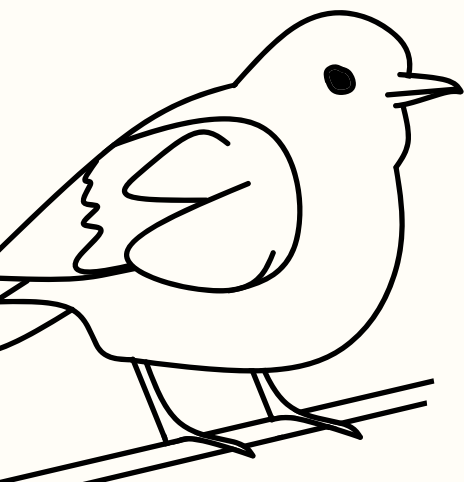


October



Did you know Australia is home to more than 378 species of mammals, 828 species of birds, 300 species of lizards, 140 species of snakes, 62,000 species of insects and two species of crocodiles? Let's celebrate them all!

- **Support our native birds.** Install a bird bath and bird house in your backyard to ensure that birds have shelter and access to water as the weather heats up. See our how to guide to make a bird house.
- **Show your pet some extra love.** Take your dog for an extra-long walk this week, give them a special treat or make them a new toy, remind them that you love them
- **Read a Book about being kind to animals or how to care for animals.** Start a conversation on kindness to animals by reading with a friend or family. Some of our favourites include *Tails are Not for Pulling* by Elizabeth Verdick, *5 Elephants* by Rob Laidlaw, *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf, Dr.Seuss' *Which Pet Should I Get?* or *Charlotte's Web* by E.B White.
- **Choose cruelty free products.** Be a conscious consumer and reduce your impact on animals across the world!
- **Create a wildlife garden.** See our tips sheet on how to do this!
- **Make your pet a toy from household items, such as a cat dangle.** See our how to guide to make one.
- **Watch a video from your local zoo.** Animals at Home with Zoos Victoria <https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/>
- **Adopt or sponsor a pet**



Remember to be kind 365 days of the year, not just this week! Celebrate our special bond with wildlife this week and take part in our activities.

