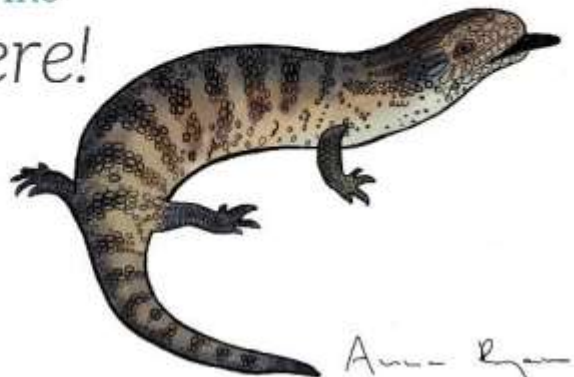




Backyards for Biodiversity SEQ

Inc

Nature Starts Here!



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Who Are We?

A group of Sunshine Coast naturalists, biologists, horticulturists, ecologists and teachers with a shared vision to bring back biodiversity to our backyards!

Our Aims?

To improve and expand native biodiversity.

To educate residents of the beauty and environmental value of our plants and wildlife and to the ways that nature can enrich their lives.

To support and encourage everyone to implement practical strategies to encourage biodiversity; especially to plant locally indigenous flora to support our local fauna.



Why?

We are in the middle of a global biodiversity crisis!

In the past few decades we've lost over 80% of animals and 50% of plants species.

We are in what is now referred to as the 6th mass extinction event.



Biodiversity loss affects us all!

When our natural systems are compromised we need to get worried!

It's not just the fresh water, air and food – we need nature for our mental wellbeing.

We need to protect nature NOW!





THINK GLOBALLY,
ACT LOCALLY

Let's garden to save the planet! If 50% of every Australian backyard was planned and planted for biodiversity, the exponential effect would be INCREDIBLE

HERE IS OUR 10 POINT PLAN.....



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Grow local
native plants.

Control weed plant
species and remove
or limit lawn.

Provide flowering
& fruiting plants,
preferably native.

Enclose pets.

Provide species
specific shelter -
mulch, rocks and
logs, nesting
boxes.

Grow some food,
and some native
food for your
family.

Avoid use of chemicals
when controlling pests
or other uses.

Provide clean
water.

Embrace some mess.

Learn about and
celebrate nature.



Grow local, native plants

Local species have evolved over millions of years alongside these plants to work together.

In SEQ we have 2800 local native plants to choose from!



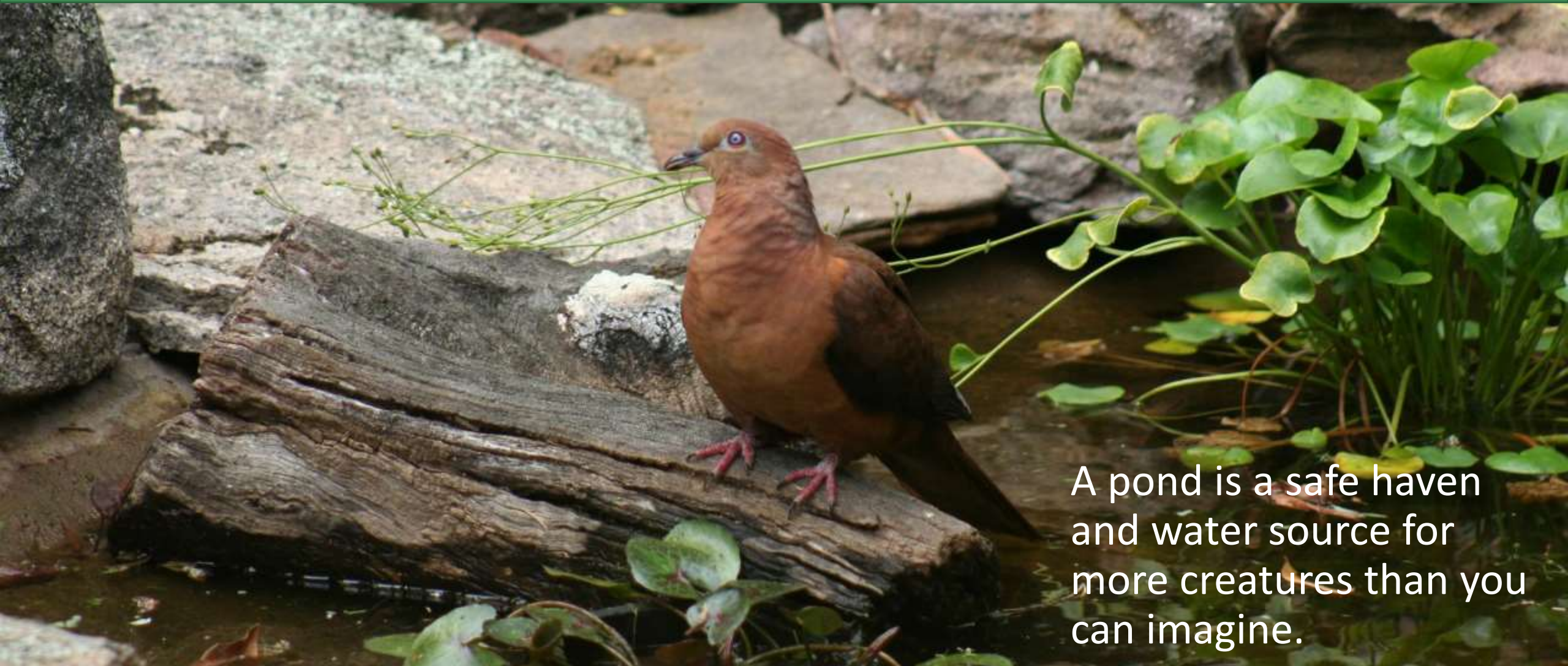
Provide Fruiting & Flowering Plants.

That's the basis for your backyard food web!



Provide clean water!

You can never have too many birdbaths. Different depths, heights and sizes cater for different birds.



A pond is a safe haven and water source for more creatures than you can imagine.



Make a Puddling Pool for Bees,
Butterflies, Wasps and other insects.
Keep birdbaths filled to the brim!



Lose the lawn...

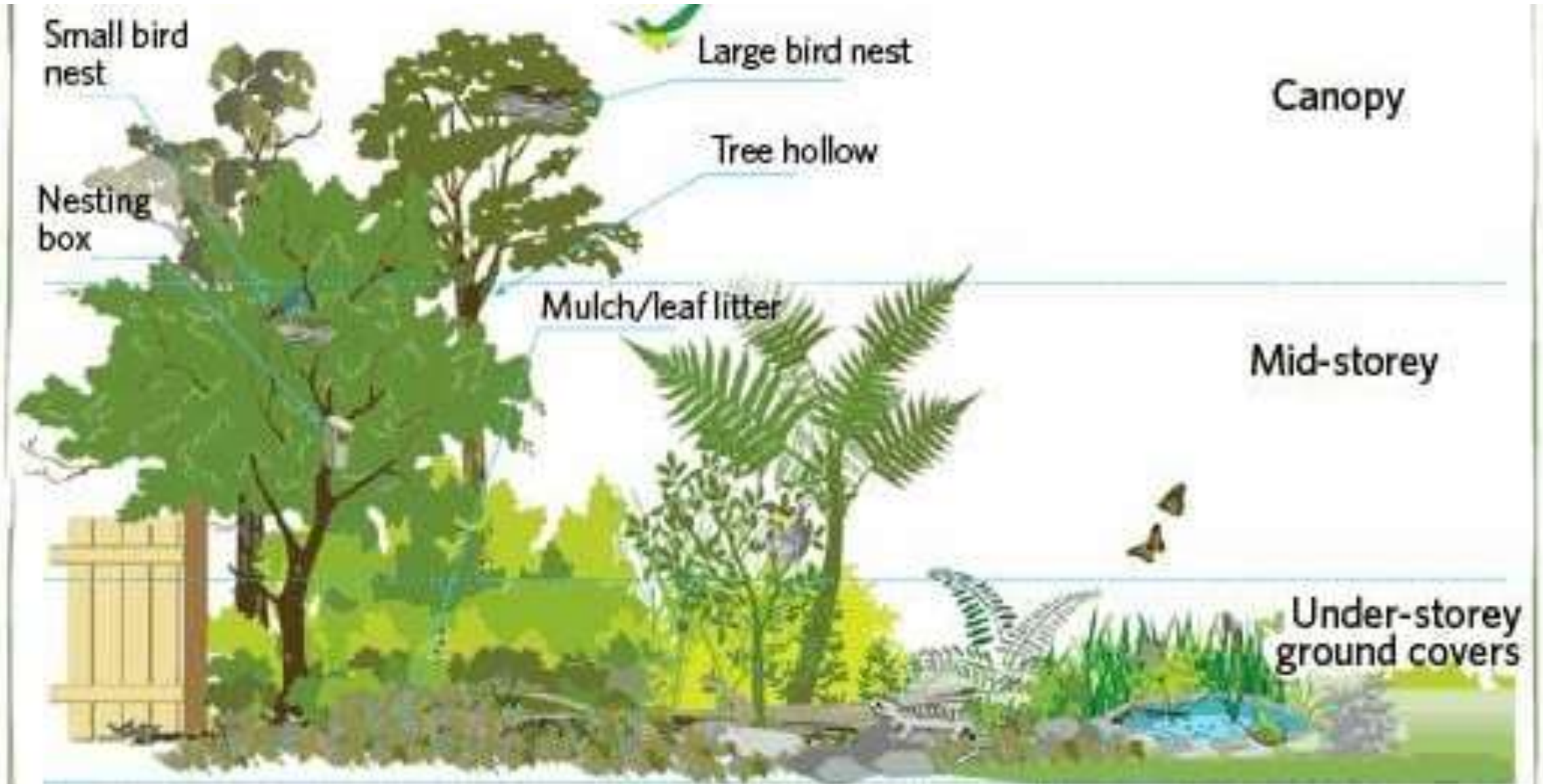
Lawn is a biological wasteland. Even just planting out a tiny bit of your lawn will make a huge difference.



Provide species specific shelter

Layer your garden to provide shelter for different types of birds, lizards and other creatures. Get some nesting boxes!

LAYERING IS THE KEY



A vibrant garden scene featuring a variety of green leafy plants and clusters of ripe red tomatoes. The plants are densely packed, and the background shows a light-colored wall. The overall atmosphere is fresh and productive.

Grow some food!

Not only will this reduce your carbon footprint, it's great for your family and the wildlife too. Bees and butterflies love when herbs go to seed, and the possums and wallabies enjoy a nibble as well. I just grow extra so there's enough to share.



Embrace some
mess

Corners with leaf
litter and little piles
of sticks and mulch is
habitat for lizards and
invertebrates...and
fabulous fungi!



Keep your pets enclosed...

Cats and dogs are the single biggest threat to our native wildlife.

Cats kill one million birds a day in Australia.



Control Pests

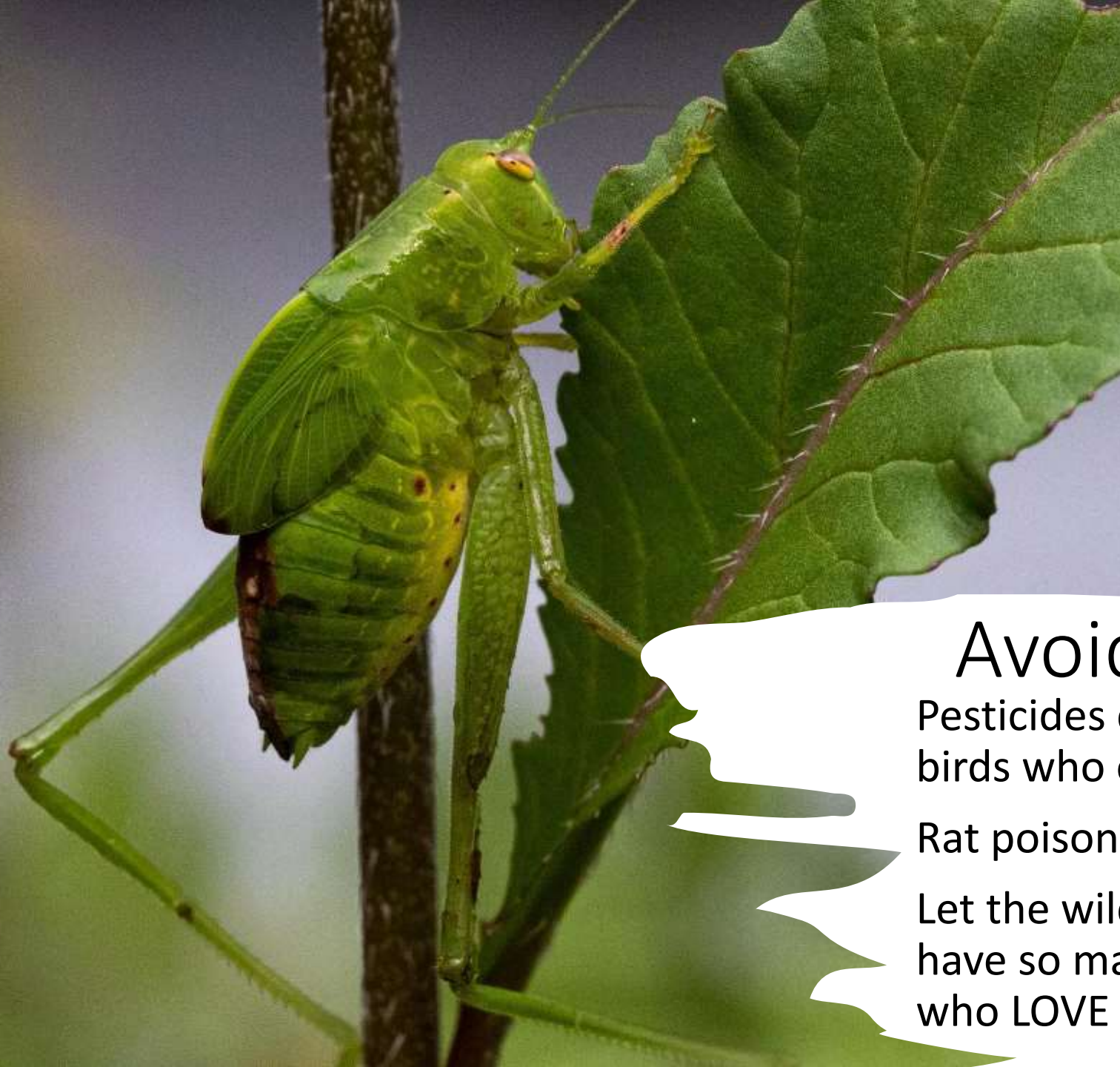


Remove invasive weeds and
replace with native species

Bury cane toad eggs

Call the council about their
Indian Myna & feral cat
trapping programs





Avoid the chemicals

Pesticides don't just kill insects, they kill the birds who eat them.

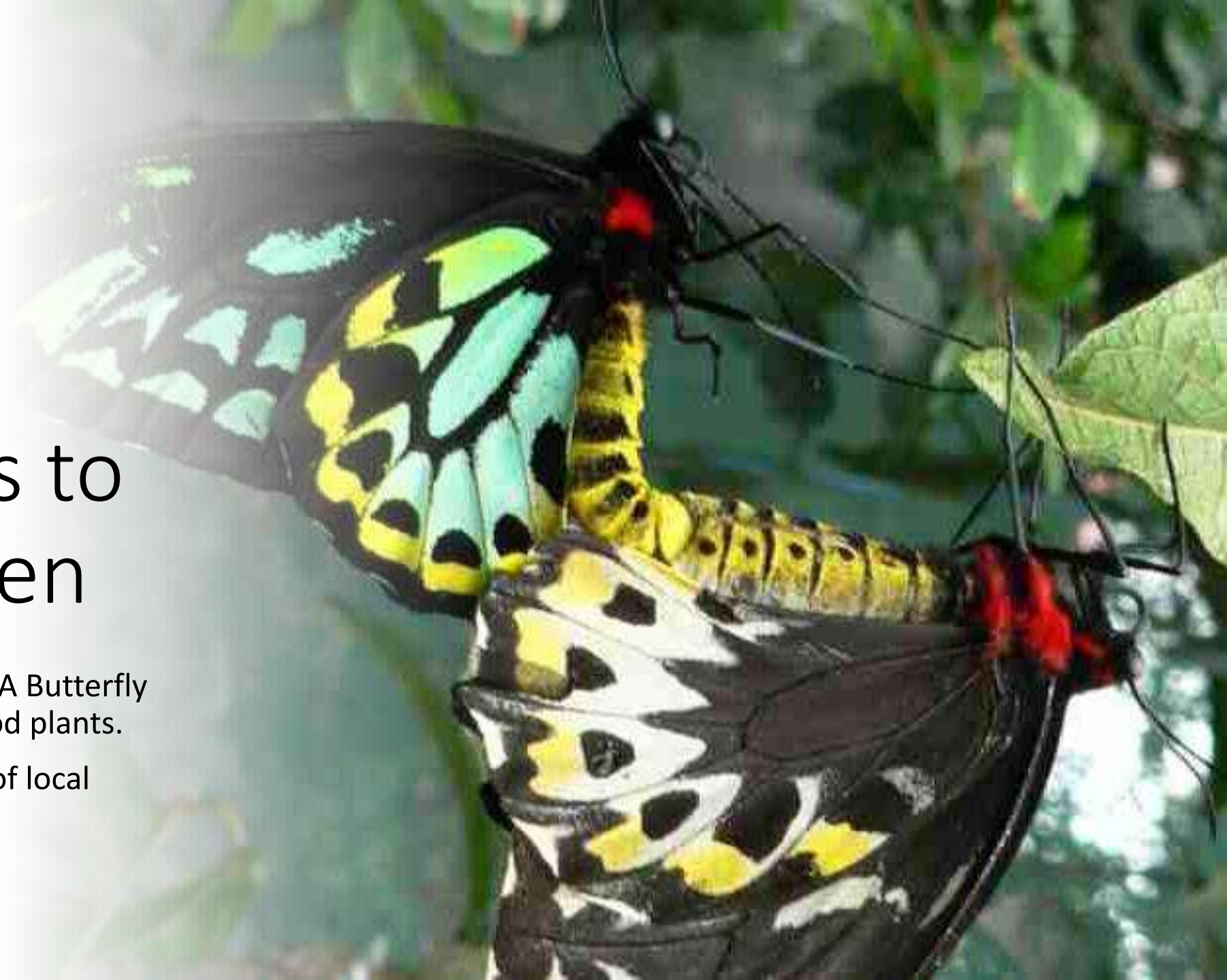
Rat poison is killing our beautiful raptors.

Let the wildlife manage the pests for you – we have so many insectivorous birds and lizards who LOVE cleaning up vege patches.

How to attract butterflies to your garden

Butterfly Food Plants – AKA Butterfly
host plants, Caterpillar food plants.

A variety and abundance of local
native flowering plants





How to attract native bees to your garden.

In Australia we have 2000 different species of native bee.

11 species are social bees that live in hives.

The rest are solitary stingless bees.

They need flowering plants, shallow water dishes and shelter.

Bee hotels are the best! And mud bricks with holes in them.



DIY BEE HOTEL



Easy to make!

Solitary Bees – Masked Bees



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Make use of the
free resources and downloadable book
on our website.

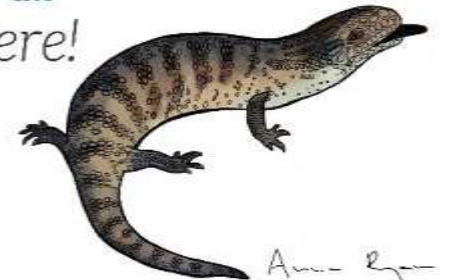
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