

What have we got here?



Pets

Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands provide homes for native animals, birds and reptiles. Some of the animals that you can find in Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands make great pets.

- There is a growing interest in Australia in keeping native animals as pets.
- Some examples of these pets are quolls, dunnarts, hopping mice, sugar gliders, blue-tongue lizards and pythons.
- To keep a native animal as a pet, you need to get a permit.
- This permit is a one-off and it allows you to own more than one native animal.
- You can't take a native animal from the wild and keep it as a pet. Some native animals can have diseases.
- You can buy native animals from specialist pet shops or over the internet where people have bred captive born native animals.
- Native animals make great pets.



Activities



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1. List some of the examples of native animals kept as pets.
2. Pick any Australian native animal that is found in Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands. Research this animal and find out what you would have to do to keep it as a pet. (i.e. where would it live? Does it need a tank or special heating or lighting? What would you feed it?)
3. How many permits do you need to keep a native animal as a pet?
4. Why can't you take a native animal from the wild and keep it as a pet?
5. Name some of the places where you could buy a native animal?
6. Do any students in your school have a native animal as a pet?

