



**2018 CALENDAR**  
**HENTY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

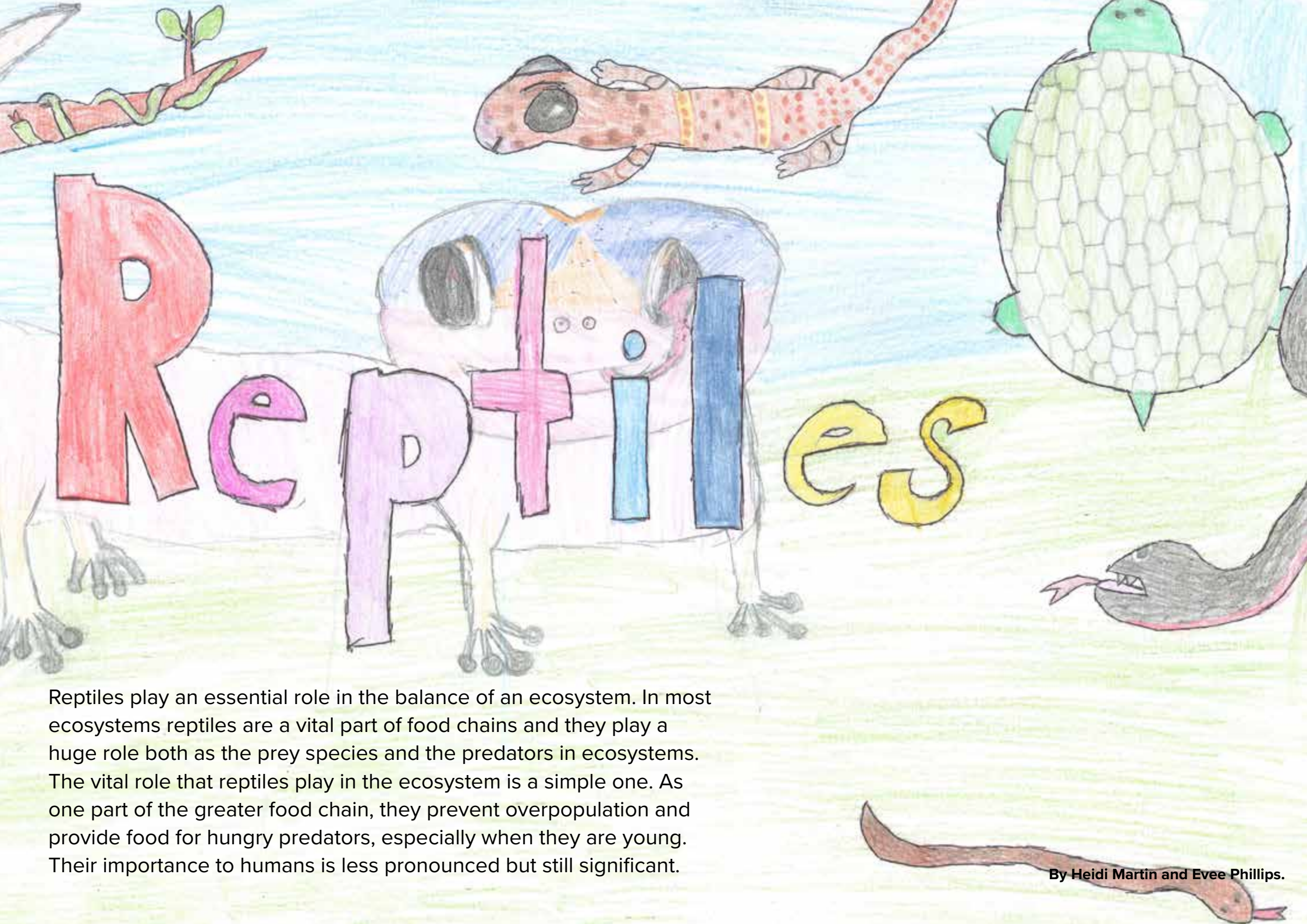
A stylized illustration of a tree with a green nesting box and a bird. The tree is rendered in shades of grey and brown, with a large, glowing orange and yellow circular light source behind it. A green, rectangular nesting box with a circular entrance hole is attached to a branch. A small, brown and white bird is perched on a nearby branch. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a forest floor or dense foliage.

# BENEFITS OF NESTING BOXES

Nesting boxes can't replace the outdoor trees but it can provide a safe home for endangered species of birds. If a bird can't nest high in a tree, the nesting box can be placed in a spot so birds will be safe. Many species of birds cannot find a safe place due to predators and other larger birds. If the boxes are made to suit certain birds then many other species cannot attack the birds or enter the box to destroy eggs or take over the box. Some boxes are for nocturnal birds and some are for daylight activities.

# JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31		Australia Day	



Reptiles play an essential role in the balance of an ecosystem. In most ecosystems reptiles are a vital part of food chains and they play a huge role both as the prey species and the predators in ecosystems. The vital role that reptiles play in the ecosystem is a simple one. As one part of the greater food chain, they prevent overpopulation and provide food for hungry predators, especially when they are young. Their importance to humans is less pronounced but still significant.

# FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Valentine's Day			
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# FERAL ANIMALS

My name is Fred the fox. People call me a pest because I attack other animals like dogs, cats, chickens and sheep.

Garry the goat is how I'm known. Some people call me a pest because I damage the environment and compete with other livestock.

Hi, I'm Harold the hare. I'm a pest because I ruin gardens and dig holes everywhere.

Hee Haw, it's Damo the donkey here. Everybody calls me a pest because I get into waterholes and prevent other animals drinking.



# MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day (WA)	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Labour Day (VIC) Eight Hours Day (TAS) Adelaide Cup (SA) Canberra Day (ACT)	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 Easter Saturday

# BATS

Bats make up a quarter of the world's mammals. Some bat species eat an incredible number of mosquitoes. By some accounts, they can eat as many as 1,200 insects in an hour of feeding, making them a great pest controller. Other bats are critical pollinators of seeds and fruit that we eat. Fruit-eating bats are very important for the dispersal of seeds. This is especially important for cleared and damaged rain forests. Bat droppings are very effective fertilizers. So next time you hear or see a bat, remember what helpful creatures they are.





# APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25 Anzac Day	26	27	28
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# NATIVE PLANTS

In the eastern Murray region there are many different types of native plants such as creepers, grasses, herbs, trees and tall, medium and small shrubs. Native plants are good to have in your local swamp or park as they have adapted to climates and will withstand challenging weather. If your local climate is mostly snow or cold rain, your native plants will probably live through that and likewise if your climate consists of heat and subject to bushfires, they have a better chance of surviving than introduced species.

# MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 May Day (NT) Labour Day (QLD)	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
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# Swallowtail Butterfly

## SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLY

Swallowtail butterflies are very helpful in pollinating plants as they move about. They carry the pollen from plant to plant helping ensure cross pollination. This in turn helps fruits, vegetables and flowers to produce seeds. As caterpillars they provide a food source for songbirds and other wildlife. Their colourful bodies help make them look like a bird with eyes and gives them a better chance of escaping from predators.

# JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Western Australia Day (WA)	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Queens Birthday (All states except WA and QLD)	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

# RINGTAIL POSSUM

Possoms help maintain a clean and healthy environment. They eat all types of insects including cockroaches, crickets and beetles. They catch and eat rats and mice and they will consume dead animals of all types. Possoms are generally resistant to rabies because their body temperature is a bit lower than most animals, making it very difficult for the rabies virus to live and grow inside them. They will often hypersalivate when disturbed appearing like they have rabies but it is only a scare tactic.



By Saige Fraser, Blake Roulston, Louise Hasler and Joel Zweck.

# JULY 2018

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# FUNGI

Most fungus feed on dead organic matter which includes leaf litter, soil, dung, wood and dead matter. They are essential recyclers in the environment and help by recycling 85% of the carbon from dead organic matter and release the locked up nutrients so they can be used by other creatures. This makes the fungi vital for the ongoing health of ecosystems.



They are also used in medication and for many health benefits. They are found in terrestrial, marine and freshwater environments. It would be hard to find an environment where fungi don't exist.

By Jada Murphy and Jasmine Tuala.



# AUGUST 2018

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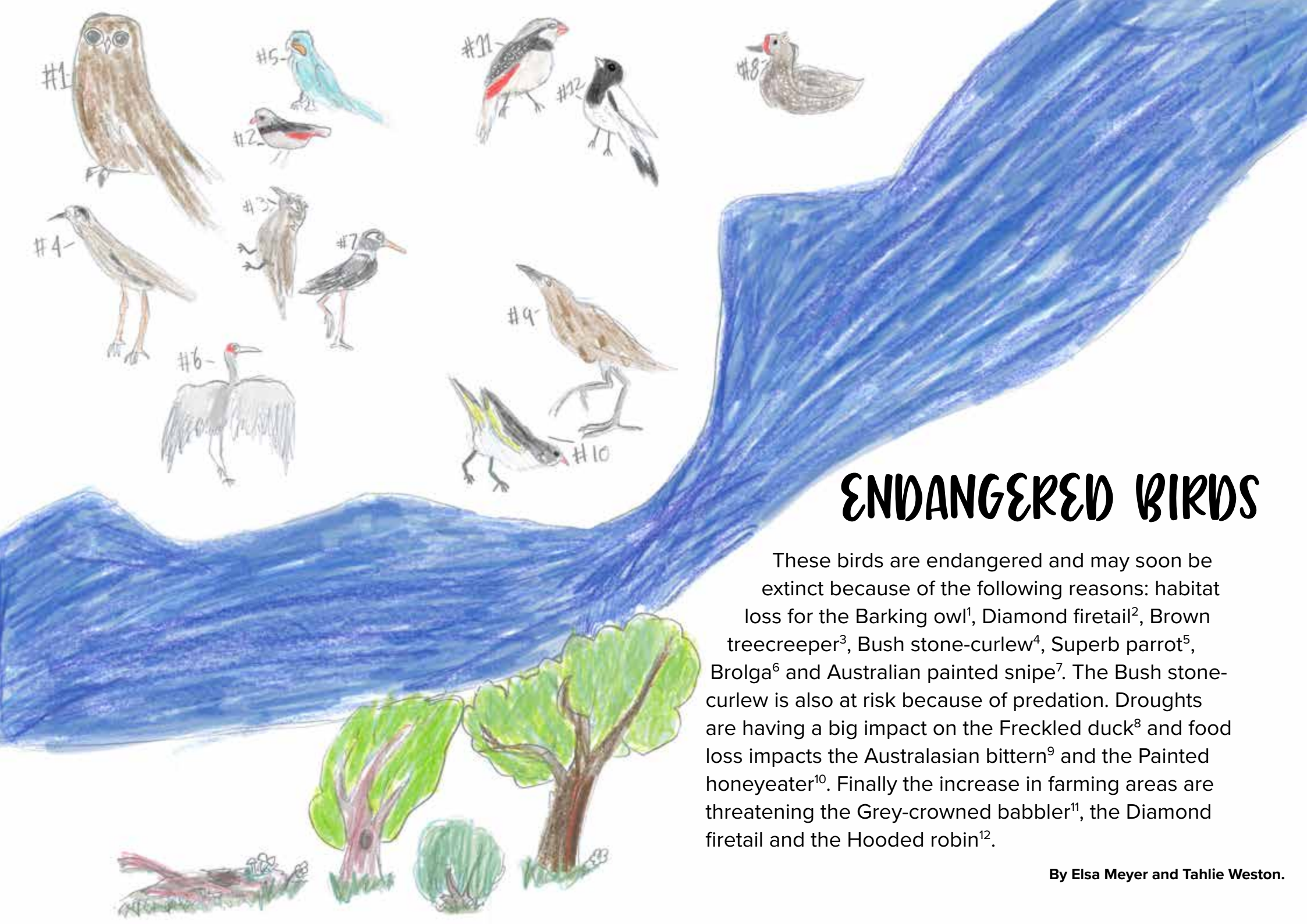
# FERAL CATS

There are over 18 million feral cats in Australia. They live in places such as the bush; in woodlands, wetlands as well as more urban areas. They will eat a variety of animals and are known to target small mammals, rabbits, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. Feral cats can even take prey the size of a brushtail possum. Many species of native animals are under threat due to feral cats including the numbat, central rock-rat, night parrot, mountain possum and the eastern bandicoot.

By Hamish Lieschke and Makayla Bridgett.

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Father's Day						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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# ENDANGERED BIRDS

These birds are endangered and may soon be extinct because of the following reasons: habitat loss for the Barking owl<sup>1</sup>, Diamond firetail<sup>2</sup>, Brown treecreeper<sup>3</sup>, Bush stone-curlew<sup>4</sup>, Superb parrot<sup>5</sup>, Brolga<sup>6</sup> and Australasian bittern<sup>7</sup>. The Bush stone-curlew is also at risk because of predation. Droughts are having a big impact on the Freckled duck<sup>8</sup> and food loss impacts the Australasian bittern<sup>9</sup> and the Painted honeyeater<sup>10</sup>. Finally the increase in farming areas are threatening the Grey-crowned babbler<sup>11</sup>, the Diamond firetail and the Hooded robin<sup>12</sup>.

# OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day (NSW) Labour Day (ACT) Labour Day (SA) Queens Birthday (QLD, WA)	2	3	4	5	6
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# RED-CAPPED ROBIN

Often tame, confiding and curious, the Red-capped Robin is regularly recorded as part of mixed feeding flocks, often joining with other small insectivorous species, especially with various species of thornbills. Foraging Red-capped Robins usually pounce on to their prey on the ground from an elevated perch, such as a low branch or stump. The species has also been recorded raking the leaf litter with its feet, regularly stopping and holding its head cocked to one side, presumably to detect any prey it has disturbed.



# NOVEMBER 2018

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		Melbourne Cup Day (VIC)				
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# FROGS

Do you think that frogs just eat flies? They do but they also eat moths, mosquitoes and dragonflies. Larger frogs will eat larger insects like grasshoppers and worms. Some will even eat small snakes, mice, baby turtles and even other smaller frogs. They in turn also are a good food source for some of the birds you may wish to attract to your garden. So give a frog a home in your garden and you will have fewer flies, mosquitoes and you can enjoy the outdoor backyard garden lifestyle without those unwelcome pests.

By Henry Kilo and Hugh Edwards.



# DECEMBER 2018

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	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day			
30	31					
	New Year's Eve					



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