

HIDE N SEEK

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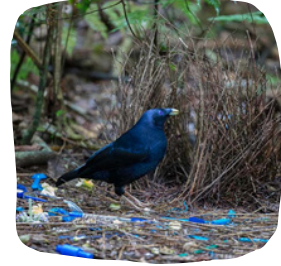
A sticky fig seed gets caught high up in a branch and grows roots down to the ground. As the roots grow, they 'strangle' the tree they are growing around.

SUNSET FUNGUS



Fungi are neither a plant or animal, however they play a very important role in breaking down plant matter.

SATIN BOWER BIRD



Male bowerbirds build a 'bower' which are two stick walls which they then decorate with blue treasures to attract a female.

BIRD'S NEST FERN

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This fern species grows on other trees trunks with leaves growing in a vase shape making them look like a bird's nest.

WOMPOO FRUIT DOVE



With beautiful coloured plumage (feathers), this dove is named after their call which sounds like 'wom-poo'.

BANGALOW PALM



Reaching heights of 20 metres, the Bangalow Palm provides habitat for many animals including flying-foxes.

BRUSH TURKEY



The males of this ancient bird species create large piles of leaf and soil like big compost piles to attract a mate and incubate their eggs.

BUTTRESS ROOTS



Rainforest trees have very shallow roots as nutrients are close to the soil surface. Buttress roots reach these nutrients and provide tall trees with support.

LEAFY LICHEN



This organism is made of up fungus and algae that have a special relationship. The algae creates energy and the fungus provides a protective habitat.

ELKHORN FERN

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These prehistoric ferns that look like horns grow on branches of other trees to maximise sunlight just like Birds-nest Fern.

PIED CURRAWONG



This bird is a sign that the habitat has been changed by humans. Their population is increasing which is having negative impact on native bird species.

MOSS



Moss grows on the rainforest floor and surfaces of other trees. They are a non-flowering plants that absorb water through their leaves.



ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

Using the Rainforest Hide n Seek sheet, explore a rainforest habitat to find all of the animals and plants in the pictures. Remember to respect the environment, and leave nothing but footprints.



Please be aware of ticks, mosquitoes, leeches and snakes in this environment.

SUGGESTED LOCATIONS

Coffs By Nature's favourite places to explore the rainforest:

- Woolgoolga Waterfall
- Bruxner Park
- Moonee Beach Reserve
- Coramba Nature Reserve
- North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens
- Dorrigo National Park



FURTHER ACTIVITIES

Be a citizen scientist and contribute data to help conserve our rainforest habitats. Check out these projects you can get involved with:

Frog ID

Listen out for frog calls and record their croaks using the FrogID app: www.frogid.net.au

Lost Fungi

When out in the rainforest, keep your eyes peeled for fungus. You can use a survey or report sightings using www.fungimap.org.au/cva-project/lost-fungi/

