

## Eventbrite Listings

		Number	Other details (not on Eventbrite for email)
1	WESTGATE PARK MARINE WALK 5pm-6pm FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH: Join a shoreline walk to find sea creatures at the mouth of the Yarra River through intertidal fossicking, checking small animal traps and sampling near-shore waters. All ages.	25	Meeting point: Westgate Park Car Park?  To Bring: Appropriate Shoes  Survey leaders: team of marine research scientists (~6) from Museum Victoria including Dr Mark Norman
2	WESTGATE PARK BAT WALK 8pm-10pm FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH: Learn how to use traps and recording devices to identify different types of bats in the park. Get the chance to meet one of our beautiful bats face to face. Ages 5+	25	Meeting point: Westgate Park BBQ shelter?  To Bring: Torch  Survey leaders: Dr Lindy Lumsden (ARI), Robin Drury/FNCV
3	ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS NOCTURNAL INSECTS 8pm-10pm FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH: When the sun goes down the skies come alive with nocturnal insects. Spend an evening with entomologists spotlighting and moth-trapping. Ages 7+	25	Meeting point: Outside the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate, RBG  To Bring: Torch  Survey leaders: Patrick Honan/ESV, Dr Luis Mata, Kate Cranney and Tessa Smith (RMIT) ? Royal Park?
4	ROYAL PARK NOCTURNAL POND LIFE 8pm-10pm FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH. Explore evening pond life, from frogs and dragonflies to water beetles and mayflies. We will listen for frogs, sample pond life and tell stories of our inner Melbourne watering holes. Ages 7+	25	Meeting Point: ANG  To bring: Torch  Survey leaders: Dr Jane Melville and Dr Richard Marchant Museum Victoria
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6	UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE BAT WALK 8pm-10pm FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH: Learn how to use traps and recording devices to identify different types of bats on the campus and help us to look for the seldom seen microbat. Ages 5+	30	Meeting point: G26 in the Botany North extension (Building 123, now called BioSciences 1)  To Bring: Torch  Survey leaders: Dr Pia Lentini (University of Melbourne), Robin Drury/FNCV
7	WESTGATE PARK BIRD WALK 8.30am-10.30am SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH  Indigenous plantings have made this park a hotspot for bird diversity. Over 140 different species have been recorded here. Join our experts and see how many you can find. All ages.	15	Meeting Point- Westgate Park BBQ shelter  To bring- Binoculars  Survey leaders- Friends of Westgate Park
8	WESTGATE PARK WATER SURVEY 11am-12pm SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH  Come and have a go at using nets to sample water bugs and learn how they can tell us more about water quality. Ages 5+	20	Meeting Point- Westgate Park BBQ shelter  Survey leaders- Eddie Tsyrlin
9	WESTGATE PARK PLANT WALK 8.30am-10.30am SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH Learn more about the locally indigenous plants that form the basis of the thriving ecosystem at Westgate Park and pick up some tips for using indigenous plants in your garden. All ages.	20	Meeting Point- Westgate Park BBQ shelter  Survey leaders- Friends of Westgate Park
10	ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS BIRD WALK 8.30am-10am SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH Join our experts to see how many different species		Meeting Point: A Gate, corner Alexandra Ave and Anderson St  To bring: binoculars

	of birds you can spot in the Royal Botanic Gardens. All ages.		Survey leaders: Check with RBG
11	ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS QUESTAGAME WALK 10am-11am SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH It's game on! Learn about QuestaGame, an app that takes you outdoors and sets you on quests in the natural environment - earn your virtual gold to become a leading player in biodiversity protection. Ages 7+		Meeting Point: Meet at the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate  To bring: BYO smart device. You can download the app in Appstore/Google Play: <a href="http://www.questagame.com">http://www.questagame.com</a>  Survey leaders: Andrew
12	ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS SCHOOL OF ANTS 11am-12pm SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH Investigate the diversity and behaviours of different ant species. Take a closer look, see how many ant species you can find and work with scientists to find out what foods they prefer  Ages 7+	25	Meeting Point: Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate  Survey leaders: Dr Kirsti Abbott (University of New England, NSW)
13	ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS CLIMATEWATCH WALK 10.30am – 12pm SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH Record plants and animals in the Royal Botanic Gardens to help us to monitor the effects of climate change and contribute to the City's plan for maintaining a strong and diverse eco-system. Adults.		Meeting Point: Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate  Survey leaders: Check with RBG
14	ROYAL PARK BIRD WALK 8am-10am SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH Join our experts to see how many species of bird you can spot in Royal Park. All ages.	15	Meeting Point: ANG or Wetlands  To bring: Binoculars  Survey leaders: Dr Peter Menkhorst (ARI), Susan Pepper (Friends of Royal Park)

15	ROYAL PARK BENEFICIAL INSECT SURVEY 9am-11am SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH Spend a few hours as a research-oriented citizen scientist surveying beneficial insects (herbivores, predators, parasitoids and pollinators) whilst exploring and documenting their associated ecological interactions. Ages 11+	15	Meeting Point: ANG  Survey leaders: Dr Luis Mata, Kate Cranney and Tessa Smith (RMIT)
16	ROYAL PARK WATER SURVEY 10am-11am SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH Come and have a go at using nets to sample water bugs and learn how they can tell us more about water quality. Ages 5+	20	Meeting Point: ANG  Survey leaders: Priya Crawford-Wilson (Melbourne Water)
17	ROYAL PARK BUSHTUCKER WALK 11am-12pm (tbc) SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH Ages?		Meeting Point: ANG  Survey leaders: Dean Stuart
18	ROYAL PARK PLANTS 1.30pm-2.30pm SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH Find out more are the indigenous plants in the Australian Native Garden and explore some ways to create habitat for urban wildlife. All ages.	20	Meeting Point: ANG  Survey leaders: Dr Steve Sinclair (ARI), Chris Nicholson (Friends of Royal Park/SERCO)
19	ROYAL PARK FROGS 8pm-10pm SATURDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH  Come and learn more about our urban frogs, learn how to identify them and explore the Royal Park wetlands with spotlights. Ages 7+	20	Meeting Point: Wetlands  To bring:torch  Survey leaders: Naomi Dart (Melbourne Water) Dr Kirsten Parris (University of Melbourne)
20	UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE BIRD WALK 8.30am – 9.30am		tbc


## Event Information

[Melbourne BioBlitz](#) is back! Over 24 hours, you can join guided events from beachcombing to bat detecting, led by some of Melbourne's finest biodiversity experts and ecologists. Help us find out more about the many species that call the city home. You can:

- Register for the events listed above.
- Visit our 'BioBlitz basecamp' outside the Melbourne Museum at Carlton Gardens from 10am - 5pm on Saturday 5 March.
- Submit photos of species that you spot around the city via our [website](#) or [BowerBird](#). Sharing on social media? Don't forget to hashtag - #bioblitzmelb

From 3 March to 1 April, you can also take part in our Backyard Blitz by conducting your own surveys within the City Of Melbourne at any time and place - from your backyard, balcony, school, laneway or street. There will be prizes for the most number of sightings submitted, best photograph and most unexpected sighting so get snapping! Why not gather a group of friends and get out and engage with the wonderful diversity of species that also call Melbourne home?

During Melbourne BioBlitz 2014, you submitted nearly 3000 sightings. How many will we get this time?

Find out more at [participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/bioblitz](http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/bioblitz)

## Important Information

For your safety and comfort during all surveys, please bring or wear the following:

- Enclosed shoes, long pants, socks to tuck pants into, a long sleeve shirt, wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, wet weather clothing (if raining), water bottle, sunscreen and insect repellent, binoculars and please bring a torch or headlamp if you are joining night-time surveys. For beach walks please bring appropriate shoes.

Participants are advised NOT to bring pets to organised BioBlitz events.

## Frequently asked questions

What is a BioBlitz?

A BioBlitz is an intensive biodiversity survey where a group of scientists and experts work with other members of the public to discover, identify and record as many kinds of plants and animals as possible within a chosen area in a short space of time.

Where is the Melbourne BioBlitz?

Melbourne BioBlitz events will take place in various Parks and Gardens across the City of Melbourne including Royal Park, Westgate Park, Carlton Gardens, the Royal Botanic Gardens, and the University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus.

I've booked my survey, what happens next?

In the week leading up to BioBlitz more information will be emailed out to all participants. On the day you will be attending the BioBlitz, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of the event so you can register for your survey at the allocated meeting point.

What is the waiver that needs to be signed upon registration?

All participants should be aware of the following Conditions of Participation before agreeing to this form. This is for insurance purposes and we thank you for your help. All participants must complete a standard participant registration form at the basecamp prior to participating in any surveys.

### **Conditions of Participation**

I agree to comply with the following terms that refer to my participation

- I will provide appropriate clothing, equipment and protective gear as advised on my ticket at time of booking.
- I will notify base camp of all relevant medical conditions and pre-existing injuries that may affect my participation.
- I consent to authorise and take full responsibility for medical treatment and associated costs that may arise from withholding any vital medical information.
- I will follow the advice of my survey leader and ensure my actions do not endanger the safety and welfare of others, and ask to clarify any directions that are unclear.

- I will report all safety hazards, injuries or accidents to management immediately.
- I will comply with conservation laws that exist within the National Park.
- I agree to the use and publication of images of me and by me, taken during the Wallagoot Catchment BioBlitz by Atlas of Living in the Coastal Wilderness. Please notify organisers during the registration process if you do not wish to be photographed.

What is the Melbourne BioBlitz Basecamp?

Our BioBlitz Basecamp is an interactive information hub based at Carlton Gardens outside Melbourne Museum and the iMax Theatre. It will be buzzing with free activities for all ages and will be open from 10am – 5pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Bookings are required for photography workshops but not to take part in other activities happening at the Basecamp. You will get the chance to see some live animals, check out some video microscopes, take part in craft activities and see some interpretive displays showcasing some of our vital urban wildlife. You can also join Museum Victoria's scientists and see what biodiversity you can find in the heart of the city.

How do I get to the events?

Our events are easily reached by public transport. Click on the links to find more detailed directions. [Royal Botanic Gardens](#), [Westgate Park](#) [University of Melbourne](#), [Carlton Gardens](#), [Royal Park](#)

Is there any parking?

Parking is likely to be limited and metered at the sites. Please use public transport where possible.

Is there a fee?

No, Melbourne BioBlitz is a free event.

Are there any age limits?

Some surveys are age restricted, this is detailed in the survey description above. Please note children under 15 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Children between 15-18 must provide parental consent.

How many surveys can I register for?

You can register for as many surveys as you like but please make sure you check the time and location as some surveys overlap and it may take some time to get from one site to another.

Will the Melbourne BioBlitz still be on if it's raining?

While we are hoping for good weather on the day, Melbourne BioBlitz will still go ahead if it is raining. Participants will be informed if circumstances prevent the BioBlitz from going ahead.

Are there places for picnics/bbqs?

All of our Parks and Gardens are beautiful places for picnics. Why not make a day of it! There are public bbqs located at Royal Park and Westgate Park.

Where can I contact the organiser with any questions?

For any questions with regard to the Melbourne BioBlitz please contact [urbannature](#)

What is the cancellation policy?

If you are no longer able to attend the Melbourne BioBlitz or you have made a mistake with your booking, please follow the prompts to cancel your ticket. If you have any issues please email [urbannature](#)