

LIVING DIVERSITY IN A RED GUM TREE!!

Possum sleeps

Tune: Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree

Possum sleeps on a red gum tree
Where the sun shines on you and me
Sleep little possum, sleep little possum
Warm and cosily.

Koala sleeps on a red gum tree
Where the sun shines on you and me
Sleep little koala, sleep little koala
Warm and cosily.

Glider sleeps on a red gum tree
Where the sun shines on you and me
Sleep little glider, sleep little glider
Warm and cosily.

Goanna sleeps on a red gum tree
Where the sun shines on you and me
Sleep little goanna, sleep little goanna
Warm and cosily.

Snake sleeps on a red gum tree
Where the sun shines on you and me
Sleep little snake, sleep little snake
Warm and cosily.

Lizards sleep on a red gum tree
Where the sun shines on you and me
Sleep little possum, sleep little possum
Warm and cosily.

Green ants sleep on a red gum tree
Where the sun shines on you and me
Sleep little ants, sleep little ants
Warm and cosily.

Barn Owl sleeps on a red gum tree
Where the sun shines on you and me
Sleep little owl, sleep little owl
Warm and cosily.

Modelled on a rhyme from

www.preschooleducation.com/snursery.shtml

A circle game – children holding hands and walking around in a circle and then acting as the animals found in the tree.

What lives in an old gum tree?

Tune: Here we go round the mulberry bush

What lives in an old gum tree?
An old gum tree, an old gum tree
What lives in an old gum tree?
DIVERSITY!

A koala lives in an old gum tree
An old gum tree, an old gum tree
A koala lives in an old gum tree
DIVERSITY

Traditional - adapted

Substitute the names of other animals which are found in trees in the bush.

LIVING DIVERSITY IN THE RAINFOREST

If you're ever in the rainforest

(If you ever see a lassie)

If you're ever in the rainforest
The rainforest, the rainforest
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see some frogs

Hop this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see some frogs

If you're ever in the rainforest
The rainforest, the rainforest
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see a snake

Slither this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see a snake

If you're ever in the rainforest
The rainforest, the rainforest
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see platypus

Swim this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see platypus

If you're ever in the rainforest
The rainforest, the rainforest
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see turkey

Scratch this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see turkey

If you're ever in the rainforest
The rainforest, the rainforest
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see echidna

Snuffle this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see echidna

If you're ever in the rainforest
The rainforest, the rainforest
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see some birds

Fly this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see some birds

If you're ever in the rainforest
The rainforest, the rainforest
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see an owl

Swoop this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the rainforest
You might see an owl

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LIVING DIVERSITY IN THE BUSHLAND

If you're ever in the bushland

Tune: If you ever see a lassie

If you're ever in the bushland
The bushland, the bushland
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **kangaroo!**

Hop this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **kangaroo!**

If you're ever in the bushland
The bushland, the bushland
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **dingo**

Scamper this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **dingo**

If you're ever in the bushland
The bushland, the bushland
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **bilby**

Scuttle this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **bilby**

If you're ever in the bushland
The bushland, the bushland
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **wallaby**

Jump this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **wallaby!**

If you're ever in the bushland
The bushland, the bushland
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see a **possum**

Climb this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see a **possum**

If you're ever in the bushland
The bushland, the bushland
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **magpie!**

Walk this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **magpie!**

If you're ever in the bushland
The bushland, the bushland
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **emu!**

Peck this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever in the bushland
You might see **emu!**

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AN ECHIDNA IS VERY PRICKLY

Chant to a definite beat

An echidna is very prickly
An echidna is very prickly
An echidna is very prickly
It couldn't be anything else

A koala is very cuddly

A wallaby is very hoppy

A wombat is very sleepy

An emu is very pecky

A crocodile is very snappy

And we are very happy

(Clapping hands)

And we are very happy

And we are very happy

WE COULDN'T BE ANYTHING ELSE!!

Traditional - adapted

An old wombat lived in a hole

A finger play rhyme

An **old wombat** lived in a hole
Snoring, snoring, snoring
When all was quiet as quiet can be
OUT POPPED HE! DIVERSITY!

A **kookaburra** lived in a tree
Laughing, laughing, laughing
When all was quiet, as quiet can be
OUT POPPED HE! DIVERSITY!

A **slithery snake** lived under a rock
SSSSSSSSSS SSSSSSSSS SSSSSSSSS
When all was quiet, as quiet can be
OUT POPPED HE! DIVERSITY!

A **lorikeet** lived in a nest
Chatter, chatter, chatter
When all was quiet, as quiet can be
OUT POPPED HE! DIVERSITY!

A **platypus** lived in a creek
Splashing, splashing, splashing
When all was quiet, as quiet can be
OUT POPPED HE! DIVERSITY!

A **monitor lizard** lived in the bush
Stalking, stalking, stalking
When all was quiet, as quiet can be
OUT POPPED HE! DIVERSITY!

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LIVING DIVERSITY AT THE COAST

If you're ever at the beach

Tune: If you ever see a lassie

If you're ever at the beach
The beach, the beach
If you're ever at the beach
You might see a **crab**

Scuttle this way and that way
And this way and that way
If you're ever at the beach
You might see a **crab**

Shark – swim
Dolphin – leap
Whale – Blow
Starfish – scurry
Jellyfish – float
Turtle - paddle
Seagull – fly
Sea Eagle – hover
Shellfish – scamper
Octopus - drift

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LIVING DIVERSITY

A simple ring game encouraging children to be aware of the diversity of living animals on the earth and to role play each animal named.

Many creatures live on earth

Tune: London Bridge

Children hold hands and walk in a circle. One child is in the middle.

Many creatures live on earth
Live on earth, live on earth
Many creatures live on earth
DIVERSITY

Group ask the child in the middle.

Can you name an animal?
Animal, animal
Can you name an animal?
DIVERSITY

The child in the middle of the circle names an animal. All the children then "become the animal" for the last verse.

Everyone be a
Be a Be a
Everyone be a
DIVERSITY.

A new child is selected to be in the middle.

Holding hands and walking round in a circle.

Many creatures live on earth
Live on earth, live on earth
Many creatures live on earth
DIVERSITY

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LIVING DIVERSITY IN THE GARDEN

Many different plants!

Chant with strong beat

Many different flowers
In my garden grow
I water them every day
What flowers do you know?

Children then name flowers that they know.

Many different green plants
In my garden grow
I water them every day
What green plants do you know?

Children then name green plants that they know.

Other verses

Many different vegetables
Many different fruit trees
Many different bushes
Many different tall palms
Many different succulents
Many different tall trees.

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BUTTERFLY RHYMES AND SONGS TO ENHANCE THE QUEENSLAND MUSEUM'S KURANDA BUTTERFLY COLLECTION

Flutter your fingers

A fingerplay rhyme – singsong chant

Flutter your fingers to the sky
Flutter your fingers way up high
Flutter your fingers fly – oh fly!
Give them wings like a butterfly!

Source unknown

Open your wings

Chant

Open your wings little butterfly
Fly so high in the clear blue sky
Fluttering your wings up and down
Twirling, swirling around and around

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A simple dance/movement song

Fly, fly, butterfly

Tune: Skip to my lou

Fly, fly butterfly
Fly, fly butterfly
Fly, fly butterfly
Fly up in the sky so high

Flutter, flutter butterfly
Flutter, flutter, butterfly
Flutter, flutter, butterfly
Flutter up in the sky so high

Swoop, swoop butterfly
Swoop, swoop, butterfly
Swoop, swoop, butterfly
Swoop up in the sky so high

Rest, rest butterfly
Rest, rest, butterfly
Rest, rest, butterfly
Rest after flying in the sky so high

Sleep, sleep, butterfly
Sleep, sleep, butterfly
Sleep, sleep, butterfly
Sleep after flying in the sky so high. Goodnight! Sleep tight!

Modelled on an idea from www.kinderteacher.com

Fly, fly butterfly

Simple chant

Fly, fly, butterfly
Fly from flower to tree
Find a place to lay your eggs
So they can grow like me!!

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