

Biodiversity



Biodiversity, or the variety and variability of life on Earth, is important to protect.



What UQ is doing

- UQ has three 'Land for Wildlife' locations: UQ Gatton Environmental Park, Indooroopilly Mine and the St Lucia Lakes Precinct.
- UQ maintains a register of significant trees in St Lucia, and Gatton campus has *Melaleuca irbyana*, a nationally threatened species.
- UQ manages over 1400 hectares of land that supports native flora and fauna.
- 120 nest boxes, which provide habitat for nesting birds and marsupials, are being monitored at St Lucia, Gatton, Long Pocket and Pinjarra Hills.
- UQ conducts annual plantings, and large-scale events, such as restoring St Lucia's riverbanks with 12,000 seedlings.
- UQ annually takes part in Clean Up Australia Day.



Why this is important

- Biodiversity encapsulates natural ecosystem services like providing clean air, water and food.
- If we do not protect Earth's diversity, we may lose these ecosystem services that we depend upon.
- Biodiversity is further threatened by climate change, habitat loss, and over-exploitation.



What you can do

- Take care of your rubbish and place it in the appropriate bin.
- Consider what you put down the sink – cooking oils and lab chemicals end up in waterways, affecting aquatic ecosystems.
- Take care not to disturb or feed the native wildlife. They can become dependent on your food and lose their capacity to survive on their own.
- Volunteer at Clean Up Australia Day, community Bushcare groups, or with the Sustainability Office during volunteer-driven initiatives.

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