

# AS1 – Local Biodiversity

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This activity is a reading and comprehension exercise in which you will learn about the plants and animals that can be found in the Upper Parramatta River Catchment.

## Syllabus references

Outcomes

Core Content: 4.8.4 a) Identify there is a wide range of multicellular organisms, which includes flowering plants and humans

Skills: 4.16 Accesses information from identified secondary sources

## What to do

**Time:** 30 minutes

### You will need

Information sheet C1 – Biodiversity

The Information Sheet – Biodiversity of your school sub-catchment

Information Sheet C10 – Vegetation Communities

The Information Sheet Vegetation Communities for your school sub-catchment

### After reading the information sheets answer the following questions

1. Describe the major vegetation communities in the Upper Parramatta River Catchment.
2. Describe the major vegetation community around your school.
3. What are the main native plant species that are in the catchment in which your school is situated?
4. How many species of bird can be found in the Upper Parramatta River Catchment?
5. Which mammals are found in the catchment?
6. How many species of amphibian are found in the catchment?
7. Which of these are considered threatened species?
8. What is meant by the term threatened species?
9. How many species of fish occur in the rivers of the catchment?
10. What are the introduced species of fish?

## Links and Resources

UPRC Education Resource Kit:

- ◆ C1 Biodiversity Overview
- ◆ C10 Vegetation Communities
- ◆ E1 Biodiversity
- ◆ E8 Weeds

