

mini CONSERVATION HERO



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COURSE DICTIONARY



To help you on your way to becoming a Mini Conservation Hero we have listed some of the words that you might see pop up throughout the course and what these words mean.

Conservation: the protection of something. Conservation is when we work to protect people, buildings, forests, animals and natural resources from waste, loss or destruction.

Zoos Victoria runs a number of conservation programs to try and protect our local wildlife, just like the six animals you will learn about in this course!

Captive Breeding: maintaining populations and numbers of plants or animals in a controlled environment, e.g. in one of our three zoos!

Habitat: the natural environment of an animal or plant; your natural habitat is the home you live in!

Threat: something that has the potential to harm or hurt e.g. bushfires are a threat to the Helmeted Honeyeater because it has the potential to harm or hurt it.

Endangered: a species of plant or animal that is in danger of becoming extinct.

Predators: an animal that hunts other animals for food.

Diet: the food and drink usually consumed by a person or animal.

Breeding: the act or process of producing offspring (babies).

Extinct: a species that is no longer existing e.g. dinosaurs have been extinct for millions of years.

Mammal: a warm-blooded animal with fur or hair on its skin and a skeleton inside its body. Mammal mothers produce milk to feed their babies. Mammals include a wide variety of animals, from cats to humans to whales. There are more than 5,000 species, or kinds, of living mammal.

Burrow: a hole or tunnel dug by certain animals for use as a hiding place or home.

