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Backyard BioBlitz NZ

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<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/backyard-bioblitz-nz>

Great for teachers giving their students projects to do at home!

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What is the Backyard BioBlitz NZ?

The Backyard BioBlitz NZ is a fun, educational, outdoor activity that you can do at home.

A BioBlitz is often called a scientific race to discover what biodiversity lives in an area. Often this is over a weekend.

The Backyard BioBlitz NZ has no time limit. The area is your own backyard so it's just you doing it at your own pace.

This type of BioBlitz has many advantages:

- You have an outdoor classroom living in your backyard. Get out there and start learning.
- All you need is a mobile phone or device that can take photos. Either yours or get an adult to help.
- Upload photos to the Backyard BioBlitz project on the iNaturalist app. It's easy!
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- Scientists, teachers and ecologists from around the world will tell you what you found.
- The observation skills you learn are called monitoring or 'Citizen Science.'
- These are the same skills scientists, ecologists, rangers and conservationists use.
- This BioBlitz is ongoing. No timeframes or deadlines. You set the pace.
- If you are competitive see if you have what it takes to post the most finds that month.
- Your backyard is close. Just pop out the backdoor and you're there.
- You can observe what's there every day. As such you can easily see any changes and what's new.
- You can connect with nature in your local area. Your local area is your turangawaewae.
- If you learn what is in your backyard, you are more likely to be interested in it.
- If you are interested in what lives in your backyard, you are more likely to care about it.
- If you care about what is in your backyard, you are more likely to help it and look after it.
- This is how you can show kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of the plants and animals in your backyard.



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