



In The Australian Bush

ST2-4LW-S

Students learn how structural features and adaptations help animals survive in their environment

ST2-1WS-S

Students observe, ask questions and collect data (e.g. comparing leaf shapes, patterns)

Eucalyptus Leaves Match it!

Eucalyptus trees are native to Australia, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Philippines. There are over 900 different species of eucalyptus trees, which in Australia are commonly referred to as “Gum Trees” as it can be difficult to identify what type of eucalyptus they are. Just like humans, Eucalyptus trees also go through stages in life!

Use the Eucalyptus Forest Poster to help you with this activity!

Using the leaves you collected from your bush walk, can you identify if any of them are Eucalyptus leaves?

What stage of the life cycle do you think this belongs to?

In the box provided below, select 3 or 4 leaves that you found and create a leaf pattern. Do this by placing the leaves under the worksheet, getting a crayon or pencil and rubbing all over the leaf until you see the complete leaf outline, and you have your pattern!