



Yedabila Habitat Pod Session



Our Yedabila habitat pods are like little temporary homes where animals can hide and stay safe from predators. We show children how to construct our Yedabila habitat pods using traditional Indigenous weaving techniques while teaching them about our amazing wildlife and celebrating Aboriginal culture and heritage. This session is ideal for schools wanting to help their local environment while learning about First Nations culture and Caring for Country.

Age level

Grade 4-6

Number of students per session

Up to 30 students per session.



Duration

2 hours.

Location

Incursion. Outdoors (e.g. oval, basketball court). The habitat pods are made from natural materials and can be a little messy.

Timing

All year round, including NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week.



What's involved



A Traditional Owner representative will show children how to construct our Yedabila habitat pods using traditional Indigenous weaving techniques ("Yedabila" means animal in Yorta Yorta), while teaching them about our amazing wildlife and celebrating Aboriginal culture and heritage. Children spend time weaving their pods, with regular breaks where they learn traditional dances for different native animals and didgeridoo sounds and listen to a Dreamtime story about the Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.

What happens to the pods after they are built?

You're welcome to keep any completed pods to use at your school to encourage wildlife, or we can place the pods in areas that need new habitat for wildlife. In the past, we have used the pods to provide shelter for fish and small birds such as the Superb Fairy Wren (like this fellow in the photo).

Students work together in small groups to build several large pods, ensuring that everyone gets hands-on experience throughout the session. We can usually complete around three pods per session. Sessions include all materials.

Optional sessions

Want to learn more about First Nations culture? Why not join a Cultural Heritage, Seasonal Indicators in your Backyard, Reading the Night Sky or Art on Country session!

