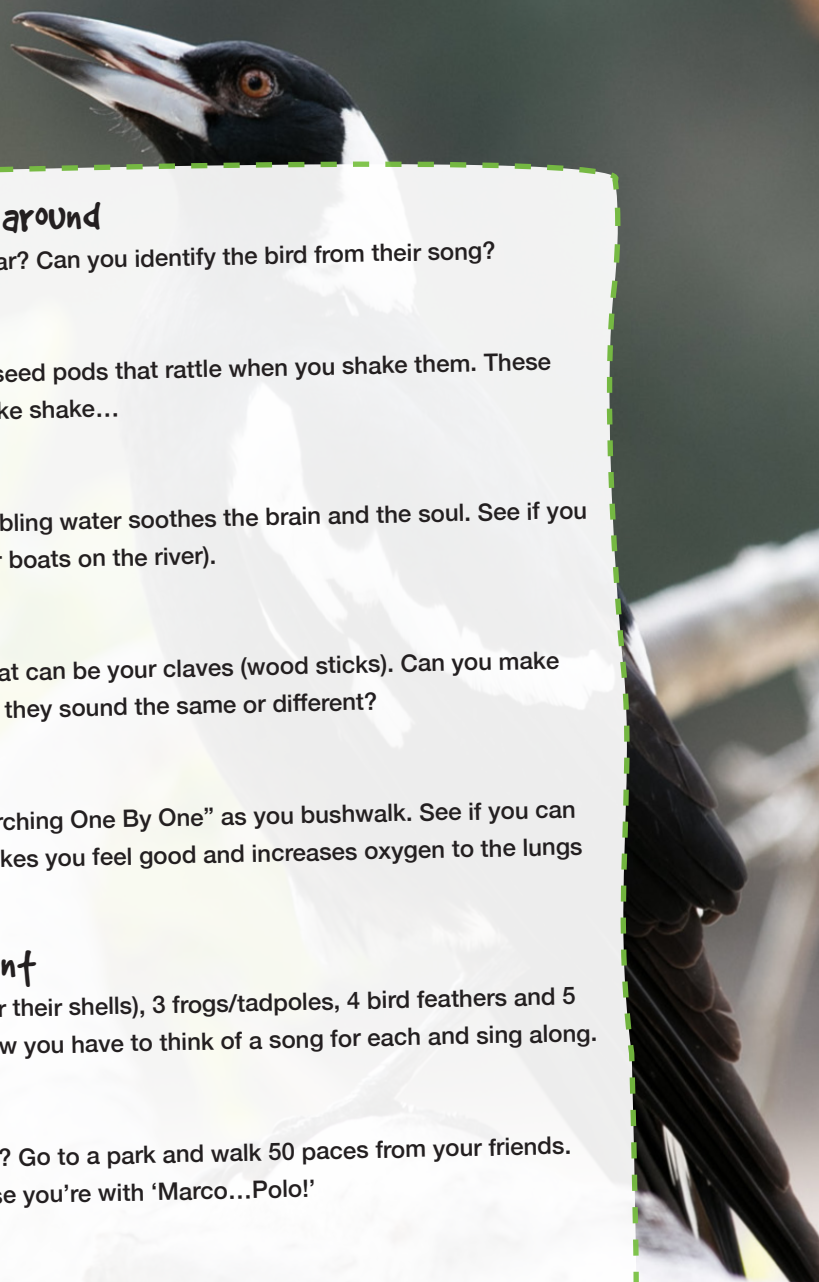




to Discover Nature's Music



- 1 Listen up! Nature's music is all around**
How many different bird songs can you hear? Can you identify the bird from their song?
- 2 Shake It Up**
Find some Poinciana seed pods, or other seed pods that rattle when you shake them. These can be your maracas! Now let's shake shake shake...
- 3 Listen to running water**
Head to your local creek, the sound of burbling water soothes the brain and the soul. See if you can think of a song to sing about water (or boats on the river).
- 4 Go on a musical treasure hunt**
Hunt and find some similar sized sticks that can be your claves (wood sticks). Can you make several pairs of different sized claves? Do they sound the same or different?
- 5 Sing a marching song**
Keep in time by singing "The Ants Go Marching One By One" as you bushwalk. See if you can find some ants along the way. Singing makes you feel good and increases oxygen to the lungs and gives your body more energy.
- 6 Nature's musical scavenger hunt**
See if you can find 1 cricket, 2 cicadas (or their shells), 3 frogs/tadpoles, 4 bird feathers and 5 ants for your musical scavenger hunt! Now you have to think of a song for each and sing along.
- 7 Call-and-response**
How far can sound travel in the outdoors? Go to a park and walk 50 paces from your friends. Then call out to get a response from those you're with 'Marco...Polo!'
- 8 Give a "Coo-ee!!"**
There's nothing more Australian than giving voice to a loud 'Coo-ee' and hearing it echo into the distance.
- 9 Play a gum leaf whistle**
Find a gum leaf fold it along the spine, pinch the leaf at top and bottom, blow until the leaf starts to buzz. Try also humming and whistling over the leaf.
- 10 Bend like the wind sway like the trees**
Study the way the trees move and listen for the different sounds when the wind rustles the leaves. Make up your own song to match the movement of the leaves and branches.

Check out www.natureplayqld.org.au for more Nature Playlists and outdoor activities.

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