

25 things to do in Spring

- 1 Collect a flower to press, then place it between newspaper sheets and a layer of cardboard. Weigh it down with books and leave until your flower dries flat
- 2 Visit your local hardware store or nursery and purchase butterfly-attracting plants such as paper daisies and wattles
- 3 Set up a home nature display with your spring finds
- 4 Picnic by a wetland: watch waterbirds and listen for frogs, such as Spotted Marsh or Banjo frogs
- 5 Look for wildflowers near paths and gum trees at your local National Park (see if you can spot Donkey, Spider, or Sun orchids)
- 6 Create a nature journal: draw or write about seasonal changes to plants and animals
- 7 Listen for male Koalas grunting from gum trees in the wild (it's their breeding season)
- 8 Make a mobile from natural items and hang it outdoors
- 9 Use a net and magnifying glass to see what you can scoop in a creek or wetland (put back what you find)
- 10 Walk along the beach to see how many white cuttlebones you can discover (cuttlefish have just finished breeding)
- 11 Look out for images of Aboriginal art in your community. What stories do they share?
- 12 Attract wildlife to your garden by adding a birdbath, logs, or rocks (also known as a lizard lounge!)
- 13 Book a campsite in a National Park or caravan park
- 14 Build (or buy) a native bee hotel for your garden (native bees don't make hives)
- 15 Collect fallen sticks and build a cubby or giant nest
- 16 Plant tomatoes, basil, cucumbers, or lettuce in a garden bed, pots, or recycled egg or milk cartons
- 17 Make a crown from sour sobs, lavender, or paper daisies
- 18 Celebrate National Threatened Species Day on 7 September by researching a local threatened species (there are over 70 threatened species within Nature Play SA's book 'Where Birds Sing and Wildflowers Dance')
- 19 Look for coastal treasures washed up after a storm, like different shaped sponges, squid eggs, and shells
- 20 Create a potion using petals, pebbles, and other natural ingredients
- 21 Write a poem or story about how spring makes you feel
- 22 Adventure to a place you've never been such as a Reservoir, Botanic Garden, or forest
- 23 Visit a wetland, estuary, or lake to watch migratory shorebirds arriving from their 10,000 km journey from Siberia (try the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary - Winaityinaityi Pangkara)
- 24 Create a living tepee in your yard by digging sticks into the ground. Plant edible climbers at the base, such as peas or beans
- 25 Go on a regional road trip or spend a few days in the sunshine in a new wild place

** Choose flowers you recognise are safe, such as lavender, rose, and wattle. Wherever your adventures take you – we encourage you to learn about the Traditional Owners of the land and the role plants, animals, and the landscape play in their cultural and spiritual beliefs.*



Donkey Orchid



Painted Lady