



### Features of Places – The Habitat Tree

Nature is important for many reasons, both to people and to wildlife. The Habitat Tree is a beautiful Grey Gum, the oldest tree at Brewongle. Students explore the features of places around the Habitat Tree and the connections between the tree and its surrounds. They use Geographical Tools to understand the impact that seasons and people have on the natural environment around the Habitat Tree.

This excursion includes the following activities, based around two Inquiry Questions:

- What are the features of, and activities in, places?
- How can we care for places?

**When Nobody's Looking:** Students explore Brewongle EEC, searching for our hidden nest boxes. They use an extended pole camera and hand held screens to peek at who's living in the box. Students also view footage from our wildlife cameras to identify the animals which have been using the Habitat Tree when nobody is looking.

**What's Beneath the Surface?** Students search for bugs in the leaf litter and soil around the Habitat Tree.

**What's in Season?** Students learn about an Aboriginal Seasons Calendar compiled by Aunty Fran Bodkin and discuss the six seasons. Students explore the bush around Brewongle EEC, discovering and learning about the plants and animals that are in season around the site. Students record their findings using journey sticks, which can be taken back to school.

**Syllabus Links:** Stage One Features of Places (GE1-1,2,3)

Contact Brewongle EEC for pricing and available dates.



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