



Activity 7: The Brolga story and habitat game.

(Adapted from the Brolga Game activity developed by Paul and Beryl O'Connor)

Summary

This activity details the life of the Brolga in a storybook and then explores the role of habitat for this species and the importance of habitat in an interactive game.

Student outcomes

This activity will enable students to:

- Identify the factors affecting the survival of the Brolga,
- Understand the value of wetland habitats in agricultural and natural landscapes.

Background notes for teachers

Brolgas are large birds that live up to 60 years of age. They are found in agricultural areas in Victoria and breed in large open wetland areas. Brolgas are, however, vulnerable to extinction in Victoria. This is primarily due to loss of wetland habitat, foxes, and accidental poisoning. This activity explores the importance of habitat for these species.

For more information on the Brolga go to <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au> and search for Brolga.

Materials

- 'The Brolga Story' storybook. This can be accessed at <http://landlearn.netc.net.au> Select Curriculum Activities > for classroom use
- At least 16 party hats in four different colours. Alternatively 16 pieces of material in four different colours would also be appropriate.

The Activity

Read 'The Brolga Story' with the class. Once you get to the Brolga Habitat Game pages play the game with the class. After the game discuss with students the messages in the game and complete reading the story.

Levels:

3, 4

Essential Learning Standards Domains:

Interpersonal Development
Civics & Citizenship
The Arts
English
Humanities (Geography)
Science

Duration:

20 - 30 mins

Setting:

Classroom or Outdoors
eg. at a camp

