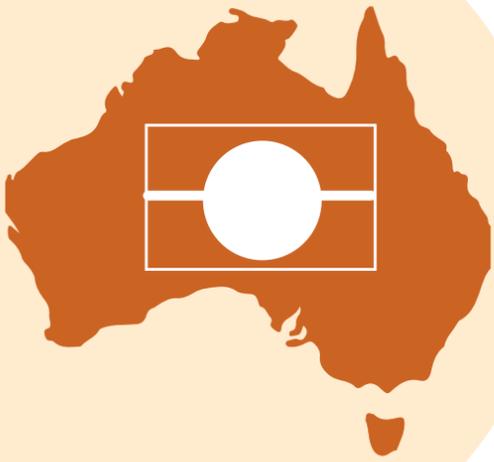




# CONNECTING TO COUNTRY

KIDS IN NATURE NETWORK ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE LIVE, LEARN AND PLAY

## STEP 1: WHOSE COUNTRY YOU ARE ON?



Find out which local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander nation are the traditional owners of the land where you live, learn or play. You can find the map here:

[www.mapworld.com.au/products/aboriginal-australia-tindale-800-x-640mm-map](http://www.mapworld.com.au/products/aboriginal-australia-tindale-800-x-640mm-map). For other kid appropriate information see here:

[www.deadlystory.com](http://www.deadlystory.com)

Can you find out what the place name is in their language? Research and learn more about the history culture and customs of this nation.

## STEP 2: NATIVE PLANTS & ANIMALS

Which native plants and animals are local to your area? Can you find out which plants might be useful for things such as making tools, medicines, foods and fibres? How are they prepared?



## STEP 3: GO OUT AND FIND

Go out to your local nature place and see if you can spot some native plants or animals. Remember, only pick from the plants if you have permission to do so. If you are tasting a bush-food make sure an expert has identified the plant for you!

## STEP 4: SHOW RESPECT & KEEP LEARNING

To show respect to the traditional owners of the land on which we play, live and learn, you can acknowledge the local nation at events and gatherings.

Can you write your own acknowledgement? You can also show respect by caring for the land you are on. Remember, if you look after the land, the land will look after you! Share what you know with your friends and family and keep learning.

Recommended reading: Welcome to Country & Wilam by Auntie Joy Murphy, Young Dark Emu by Bruce Pascoe. Listen to ABC Kids Listen Little Yarns.



Connecting to Country helps to establish a sense of belonging and connection to place, while also raising awareness of justice and social wellbeing of others.

