

Sydney Conducts First-Ever BioBlitz in Urban Parks

This Sunday, hundreds of Sydney residents will team up with 30 scientists to conduct the first-ever 24-hour survey of the wildlife in our urban parks, all in an effort to increase the City's understanding of its environmental health.

Five specially selected Sydney parks under the microscope include Sydney Park, Glebe Foreshore Parks, Observatory Hill, Centennial Park and Sydney Olympic Park.

"During this weekend's BioBlitz, city residents will get in touch with their *greener* side. Working closely with the scientists, participants will learn about their local wildlife and help record the plants, mammals, birds, insects, reptiles and frogs living in Sydney's urban backyard," said Kate Shearer, NatureKeepers Coordinator.

"Anyone is welcome to walk up and register for a BioBlitz team on the day. No previous skills are necessary as this is a day of learning," said Ms. Shearer.

People can find out more at www.bioblitz.org.au

Where: Centennial Park, Sydney Park, Glebe Foreshore Park, Sydney Olympic Park & Observatory Hill, Sydney

When: Sunday 28 September 2008, 5am-8pm

Media Visuals: (*Available from NPA on request before and/or after the event*)

- Photos of the teams of participants and scientists
- Photos of plants and animals discovered

More information

www.bioblitz.org.au and www.naturekeepers.org.au

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