

Endangered species plant pots



You will need:

- Plastic bottles of any size
- Plastic food containers
- Scissors (ask an adult to use)
- A pencil
- A marker pen
- Waterproof paint
- Paintbrushes
- Seeds
- Compost

Method:

- 1) Search through the Wildscreen resource links to decide which endangered species you would like to recreate as a plant pot. Will you pick a bird, fish, amphibian, reptile or mammal?
- 2) Once you have selected your species, draw the outline of it onto your bottle using a pencil or marker pen.
- 3) Ask an adult to cut around the template that you have drawn for you.
- 4) Paint the bottle with the colours and patterns of your chosen endangered species.
- 5) Once you have allowed your paint to dry, ask an adult to make small holes in the bottom of the bottle to allow water to escape when you water your plants. To do this, they should use a sharp knife or other instrument, ensuring the bottom of the bottle is placed on a hard surface to minimise risk of injury.
- 6) Read the habitat section of your species' profile and recreate it for your species by making a saucer to go underneath your plant pot, using another plastic container. This will catch any excess water that goes through the soil and isn't immediately taken in by the plant.
- 7) To create your habitat saucer, draw a template onto the outside of the plastic container then ask an adult to cut the template for you, ensuring that they do not make any holes in the bottom of the container as this bit needs to be able to hold water.
- 8) Paint your habitat. Is it a rainforest, desert, ice-capped mountain, coral reef or something else?
- 9) Fill your plant pots with compost and sow your seeds according to the instructions on the packet. We chose to grow coriander and parsley.
- 10) Water your plants using your sperm whale watering can (see further instructions) and place them in a nice, sunny spot. Make sure that you water your plants every day.
- 11) Send pictures of your plant pots to hello@wildscreen.org and we will share them on the Wildscreen website!

Further instructions

Sperm whale watering can

You will need:

- A plastic bottle with a lid (milk or drinks bottle is fine)
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Sharp knife (ask an adult for help)

Method:

- 1) Paint your bottle with a species of your choice (we chose a sperm whale).
- 2) When the paint is dry, ask an adult to make small holes in the lid of your bottle which will allow water to pass through. Again, place ensuring the lid is placed on a hard surface to reduce the risk of injury.
- 3) Fill your bottle with water and give your thirsty plants a drink!
- 4) Water your plants every day to ensure that they grow strong and healthy.





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- 6) Find out which habitat your species lives in by reading their Arkive profile and recreate it using another plastic pot. This will act as a saucer and catch excess water that goes through the soil. Is it a rainforest, desert, ice-capped mountain, coral reef or something else?
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