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Welcome to Wild At Art! We're so excited that you have decided to enter Australia's biggest threatened species art competition for kids. We've popped together some super simple instructions for you.

Step one: Research

There are over 2000 threatened species in Australia and it can be very hard to pick just one to draw! You may like to pick an animal or plant that is threatened where you live, or just one that you find really interesting, cute or cool.

While you're doing your research, you may also find out more about why that plant or animal is in danger – it could be from their homes being destroyed, or from bushfires, flooding or perhaps they are being hurt by animals like cats or foxes.

[Click here](#) to see some examples of species you may like to choose.

Now you've picked your threatened species, you're ready to get to the best bit!

Step two: Create

It's time to draw, paint or collage your chosen species. It cannot be a video or a photo.

The most important thing to remember is that it needs to be your own work. We want to see your creativity and your ideas! You're allowed to copy an image, but please don't trace or have a parent or anyone else work on it for you. Entries using AI will be disqualified.

Step three: Reflect

You must submit a short written piece between 50-150 words with your artwork. This could be explaining why you chose your animal or plant, or something interesting you found out while researching. Perhaps you could tell us how you felt while creating your artwork. There's no pressure for this writing to be perfect – as long as it's your own words and feelings.

Step four: Send

You're ready – yay! Please ask an adult to scan or take a photo of your artwork that is under 5MB in size. Please make sure it's clear and we can see your artwork really well. While we love seeing your wonderful faces, to ensure we can see the artwork properly for judging, please just include the artwork itself with no one in the photo. Submit via the online portal.

You're done!



'Swift parrot' by Ryan, 11- 2025 Wild At Art entrant





Still looking for some extra tips?

1. Make your artwork stand out! We get around 5000 entries from kids around Australia each year and it's very hard to pick winners. Make sure your piece is original and eye-catching.
2. Make it very clear what your animal or plant is. If you put too much in the background, your animal or plant could get lost. We want to be able to clearly see them.
3. Make sure it is an Australian threatened species. The species could be extinct. Many children draw or paint species that are only native to other parts of the world. Being in a zoo doesn't make them native to Australia. These can't be accepted no matter how fabulous they look.
4. Think about how to create some dramatic impact. A turtle floating in the sea surrounded by plastic garbage tells us something about why the species is threatened as well. Make sure you keep it simple and direct though – sometimes the face and eyes of the animal says it all.
5. Usually there are far fewer entries featuring threatened plants than threatened animals, and that's why we offer a prize for Best Plant Entry. Have a look at our [2025 winners](#) and you'll see how interesting they can be!
6. Your artwork can be any size. As they are all being uploaded digitally, there is no restriction on physical size. However, we generally recommend A4, A3 or A2.

We can't wait to see your fabulous entry for Wild At Art. Good luck!



'Hope In Her Eyes,' by Jasper, 10 - 2025 Wild At Art entrant

Top. 'Before it's too late' by Sophia, 11 - 2025 Wild At Art entrant

