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Exploring your backyard through the world of insects

Have you ever wondered what that unusual insect, spider or creepy crawly is doing in your backyard? Is it friend or foe? Insects, spiders and other creepy crawlies play important roles in the environment. The different species that occur (even in urban areas) can be an indicator of ecosystem health.

If you have an interest in biodiversity, insects or the environment come along to one of the FREE workshops being held across the region between 17-20 April. Regional Landcare Facilitator, Saskia von Fahland said this was a fantastic opportunity to hear from visiting Queensland Museum entomologist, Dr Christine Lambkin, who will take participants on a journey of discovery through the world of insects.

Ms von Fahland said, you will learn how to assess the biodiversity in your own backyard; get hands-on opportunities to collect insects using different trapping methods; use preservation and labelling techniques and, identify major insect types.

A number of workshops and information sessions are being held for schools and the community across the region.

Information sessions will be held between 3.30 and 6.00pm, in Proserpine (17 April), Mackay (18 April) and Sarina (19 April) as well as a more in depth full day workshop being held in Mackay on 20 April. All workshops are free and full catered for, however numbers are limited; hence RSVP is required by 15 April. For more information or to register your interest please contact Whitsunday Catchment Landcare on 4945 0267, Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group on 4944 1979 or Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association on 4956 1388.

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For more information please contact Saskia von Fahland, Regional Landcare Facilitator on 4956 1388.

Photo/s: Harlequin bugs on Native hibiscus (by M Meng)



Orchid Swallowtail butterfly (by M & S Evans)

