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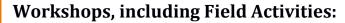
Presentations, Workshops, Field Activities & Displays

I offer the following:

Presentations:

- *Gardening with butterflies and other Beneficial Be(e)ings* how growing butterfly host plants can increase the biodiversity of predators and parasites for competitors (aka "pests") on vegetables and other garden plants
- Bring back beautiful butterflies to our backyards start your garden for wildlife using butterfly host plants
- Every Butterfly was once a Caterpillar: the "high" and "low" life of Lepidopteran larvae – butterfly biodiversity, their lifecycles and the food plants for caterpillars
- *Caring for Caterpillars* the role caterpillars play in the environment and connecting ourselves directly with nature at different levels
- *How to Raise Butterflies with Children* a talk for adults and enthusiastic, advanced children
- **Gourmet Butterflies** food plants we can share, that enhance sustainability and biodiversity, playfully addressing food security and biodiversity issues.
- *Inviting Nature Home* the importance of butterflies, other insects and creatures without backbones (invertebrates), the roles they play and how we can help make a difference to species diversity and conservation in our own local spaces and places.
- What's happening with Insects, other Arthropods and why what we can do.

 All 1.5 2 hours duration



- All Things Caterpillars... and eggs, chrysalises and butterflies a
 hands on workshop on finding eggs and host plants, raising caterpillars, rescuing chrysalises, and observing lifecycles (6 hours intensive includes a walk)
- **Planting for Wildlife: butterflies, bees and other mini-beasts** a hands on workshop on the role of planting to promote biodiversity of the wildlife we love and that which we need to learn to love (6 hours intensive includes a walk).
- What Eats What about the amazing biodiversity of life on earth the invertebrates that keep our ecosystems healthy, and how they live their lives (6 hour intensive includes Creatures of the Night).



























Field activities:

- *Creatures of the Night* uses special lights to attract insects to explore the amazing life-forms we share our planet with, and the role they play in maintaining healthy ecosystems
- *Guided walks in bushland and/or rehabilitated areas* nature and ecology interpretation exploring habitat and behaviours of insects and other life-forms. This works well in combinations with a presentation

2 - 3 hours with a short break

Displays:

- **Butterfly Lives:** lifecycle and ecology interpretation signs a display of up to 50 A3 signs for butterfly lifecycles and their host plants (see photo below), which can include other display information and posters (the signs are available for sale)
- *Live insect display*, if caterpillars and other insects are to be found at the time of year, depending on the weather and the season.
- Butterfly and other insect host plant display (where plants are available)
- Various butterfly and other invertebrate books (also for sale)

A sample *Butterfly Lives* sign: A sample *Butterfly Lives* sign display:



