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We are all a part of nature, and just like us, nature needs nurturing.

September is [Biodiversity Month](#) and we're celebrating Australia's globally distinct ecosystems, made up of unique and diverse flora and fauna.

Across Australia, we have a number of rare and endangered native plants that we need to protect from extinction – which brings us to the other side of the Nature Dose – **nurturing nature**. Nature provides and cares for us and, because *'healthy humans need healthy habitats,'* we need to protect and care for nature in return.

During our fourth and final week of **#NaturePact** we're encouraging you to:
nurture native nature

and share with us the native plants in your life. It may be a Grevillea or a Lemon Myrtle that you care for in your garden, or a striking Eucalyptus in your neighbourhood that you visit regularly on your walks.

[Phillip Johnson](#), one of our project partners along with Parks Victoria, is passionate about protecting rare and endangered Australian plants, and connecting people with nature. In 2013 Phillip designed the ['The Australian Garden'](#) as an impressive, immersive showcase for Australian native plants,

winning both Gold and Best in Show at the Royal Horticultural Society Chelsea Flower Show.

The *Chelsea Australian Garden, Olinda* is soon be re-created at twenty times the scale of Chelsea in the Dandenong Ranges Botanical Garden, just outside Melbourne. This breathtaking garden will be a haven for rare and endangered Australian plants from around the country, and an educational showcase for visitors about how **we can all nurture native nature in a water-wise and sustainable way.**

Do you have a favourite Australian native plant in your care? If you don't yet, keep an eye on some of the native plants we'll be featuring this week and see if something catches your eye.



Share a photo of some native nature that you nurture or care about or feel connected to **before September 30** on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#). Add the hashtag **#NaturePact** and tag **@peopleparks** for your chance to win one of our nature-based prizes.

While our 2021 **#NaturePact** campaign is in the final week, you can still sign up [here](#) and make your **#NaturePact**! Join us and schedule time outside connecting with nature.

WIN!

Here are some of the fantastic nature-themed prizes you can win:

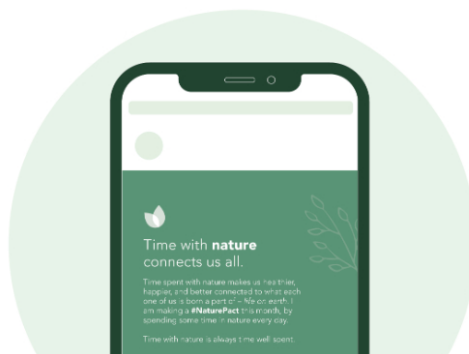
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Love nature? Check out [BACK TO NATURE](#), a visually stunning 8-part documentary series screening on Tuesday nights at 8pm on the ABC this August and September (2021), with the chance to catch up on [ABC iView](#). It follows Aaron Pederson and Holly Ringland on their journey through nature, as they explore deep interconnectedness between human beings and the landscape, exploring unfamiliar stories involving mystery, geology, history, traditional Indigenous knowledge and natural science. We have been inspired by this series for this year's weekly **#NaturePact** themes.

Stay up to date and receive regular prompts as well as interesting facts and articles about the many benefits of connecting with nature by following us on social media.

Remember, each one of us is a part of nature, and when we nurture nature, we're also nurturing ourselves.

Kind regards
Alison Hill
Managing Director
The People and Parks Foundation

“Nature – where we come to life!”

**Have you made your
#NaturePact?**

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