

Easy Reference Sheet

Wildlife Thank You Cards

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Wildcare Australia needs your help creating Thank You cards with a theme of hope and habitat!

Here in Australia we desperately need all the help we can get to maintain hope and enthusiasm during troubled times. So we are sending out a call for help! Please help **Wildcare Australia** by creating **Thank You Cards**. Here is our website so you can read about our many activities <https://wildcare.org.au/>

We have received so many joey pouches from people within Australia and internationally. The overwhelming response has touched the hearts of all of us here at Wildcare and it has really helped lift our spirits on days when we felt so incredibly helpless. So many people have put so much time, love and care into these handmade gifts for our wildlife and we have been so moved by everyone's generosity.

People have been helping our beautiful wildlife in many other ways also – making possum and bird boxes, collecting donated blankets and towels, collecting materials for enclosures, cutting gum leaf for koalas and donating much needed specialised medical, first aid supplies and wildlife foods. All of these things have helped our unpaid volunteers in undertaking their critical role in helping the sick, injured and orphaned Australian wildlife when they needed our help.

A signature interaction for Wildcare is to express gratitude by sending hand-written thank you cards to the people that have very kindly helped our wildlife. As you could imagine, we have a desperate need for thank you cards to send to everyone who has helped our wildlife over recent months.

People who have received a card have been really touched by the acknowledgement. They have felt inspired to do more to assist animals after receiving one of our handwritten cards. By making hand-made thank you cards, you are helping us in letting everyone know that what they are doing for the Australian wildlife really matters! We all really need to know that what we do has purpose, and really makes a difference!

Could you help us meet this need please?

Everyone needs some special TLC and a handmade card is one of the most practical ways of doing this. A hand made card expresses that you matter, and that we see what you are doing for us, and we deeply appreciate what you have done to help.

To keep in within our theme of **Hope and Habitat** these cards need to illustrate the time when the trees and plants have grown back. We want bright colourful cards to express our deep gratitude to so many amazing people that have assisted us. We need cards that will fit into a standard envelope available to be posted at the price of \$1.10. So we humbly request that all cards fit into a regular envelope so that **Wildcare Australia** doesn't incur additional costs that come with irregular shaped cards.

Details about the Required Cards:

Purpose of Cards

To send a "Thank You" to the tireless Australians who are involved in helping our Australian Wildlife.

Theme

Gratitude and Hope based on a creative expression based on Australian Wildlife

Card material

Lightweight, cardboard / card-stock no heavier than 250 grams.

No thicker than 2mm.

Card size

Standard card sizes: 105mm x 147mm; or
 148mm x 210mm (A4 sheet folded in half)

Front of Card

Bright colours with your favourite Australian animals on it.

Feel free to use stickers, collages, scrapbooking. If sending internationally, please do not include any plant material as this will cause a customs issue.

Inside the card

Please leave blank so we can write a personalised message.

Back of the card

Please have the student write their first name, age, School Name, suburb and Country.

Pre-made blank cards or white/coloured A4 (or Legal size) sheets of light cardboard are readily available at office supply stores (such as Officeworks in Australia). Below are some links to a few products available at Officeworks as a guide.

<https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/p/kadink-blank-cards-8-pack-kdccc020>

<https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/p/quill-a4-210gsm-board-bright-assorted-25-pack-qu95179>

<https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/p/quill-a4-200gsm-board-white-25-pack-qu95006>

<https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/p/quill-a4-210gsm-board-pastel-assorted-25-pack-qu95153>

Resources for Teachers/Parents/Community Leaders to inspire students/children/community organisations.

<https://wildcare.org.au/>

<http://getdrawings.com/australian-animals-drawing>

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/learn-to-draw-aussie-animals>

<https://www.pinterest.com.au/mike372/illustrated-australian-animals/>

<http://www.supercoloring.com/drawing-tutorials/tags/australian-animals>

<https://www.template.net/design-templates/animal-templates/australian-animal-template/>

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/teachers/learning/habitats/>

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/mammals/>

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/bats/>

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/reptiles/>

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/spiders/>

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/birds/>

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/insects/>

<http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/>

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/species-identification/>