



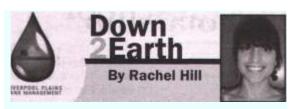
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Become a Citizen Scientist in the lead-up to Landcare Week

Landcare Australia and ClimateWatch are Simple observations of this species will go a long joining forces to create citizen scientists from way in assisting in the future management of every day Australians who have an interest in these species. how climate change is impacting their own backyard. By collecting and recording data, Richard Gilmore said: "Climate change is individuals will be helping scientists across the affecting rainfall and temperature across globe, study the impact of climate change on our Australia and as a consequence flowering times,

their volunteers are already making observations need for large-scale data gathering to assess how about species and animals habitats and the biological systems are responding to climate impact of climate change in their local change. By partnering with Landcare Australia, communities. This September we are appealing we hope to significantly increase the amount of to all Australians to get their hands dirty and data available for scientists to apply to their volunteer to become citizen scientists. Help research." Landcare groups celebrate Landcare Week," said Landcare Australia CEO, Heather Campbell.

data gathered will then help scientists which starts on September 6. understand what seasonal variations are

Many of the bird species found in this area are September 18. under threat of extinction due to degradation, fragmentation and loss of habitat. Predation by citizen foxes and feral cats also threatens the future of a http://www.climatewatch.org.au/. number of endangered birds including the: information about Landcare events happening in Australian Bustard, Black-necked Stork, Mallee the local area, contact Acting Regional Landcare Fowl, Bush Stone-curlew, Painted Snipe, Regent Facilitator, Rachel Hill at Liverpool Plains Land Honeyeater and Swift Parrot.

These threatened species are also under Rachel.hill@lplmc.com.au. threat due to the impacts of climate change.

Earthwatch Australia Executive Director, breeding cycles and migration movements are "All around Australia, Landcare groups and changing. Scientists have identified an urgent

One local Namoi resident getting involved in the ClimateWatch citizen scientist program is To be involved in this concept, participants Individual Landcarer National Award winner, need to register on the Landcare website to Kate McLaren. Kate has dedicated her property observe and record what is happening in their to conservation under a Voluntary Conservation own environment. These observations can be as Agreement. People will be able to experience simple as when frogs are calling to what birds are Kate's success first hand at a field day to be held migrating and what plants are flowering. The at her 7000ha property around Landcare Week,

There are also a number of other events and occurring around Australia with our animals and activities in Landcare Week including an Eco Festival at the Peel Wetlands, Tamworth on The Liverpool Plains is home to a number of September 7 and the Tamworth Manilla threatened species and ecological communities. Landcare Association bush dance in Manilla on

> To find out more about the ClimateWatch go to: scientist program, For more Management on: 6741 8365 or email: