

Family Backyard Scorecard

How environmentally happy is your backyard?

Use the Family Backyard Scorecard to discover how your backyard is travelling. Add in the points your backyard scores, total your points and see how you rate over the page

Backyard Area	Category	Max Points	Your Points
Trees	1 – 3 large trees (over 6 m)	1	
	More than 4 large trees	2	
	One or more trees native to Australia	2	
	Bonus: One or more indigenous (locally native) trees	2	
Shrubs	Some	1	
	Lots	2	
	One or more shrubs native to Australia	2	
	Bonus: One or more indigenous (locally native) shrubs	2	
Ground cover	Large lawn or grassed area	1	
	Small lawn or grassed area	2	
	Native grasses or low, spreading plants	2	
	Garden beds mulched: e.g. bark, straw, pebbles	3	
	Bonus: indigenous (locally native) groundcover plants	2	
Beetle and bug habitat	One or more big branches or logs (in the garden)	2	
	One or more large rocks (in the garden)	2	
Bird, bat and possum habitat	Nestboxes	2	
	Bird bath	2	
Water	Pond or water feature	1	
	Bonus 1: native plants in or around water feature	2	
	Rain water collection tank	2	
	Pool/spa has a cover/blanket	2	
	Bonus 2: Pool isn't heated	2	
	Pool/spa uses solar water heater	1	
Food garden	Vegies, fruit or herbs grown in garden or containers	2	
Extras	Leaves, grass clippings and/or fruit & vegie scraps are composted	2	
	Roof and stormwater drains are free of leaf litter and grass clippings	2	
	Total	50	



Family Backyard Scorecard – How did you rate?

Points Rating

0 – 10 **Lots of room for improvement!**

You're very lucky – you have so much to choose from! Write down a few things from the table that you can do over the next 12 months. Aim to increase your score by at least three points.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

10 – 25 **Good work!**

You have a really good foundation to build on. See if you can increase your score by five points in the next 12 months. Choose some things from the table that you can do and write them below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

25 – 40 **Well done!**

Your backyard is very environmentally friendly; see if you can improve it even further! Choose some things from the table that you can accomplish over the next 12 months and write them below. Try to increase your score by at least five points.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

40 – 50 **Excellent!**

You're doing a fantastic job for the environment. See if you can come up with even more things to do to improve your backyard and make your own 'Bonus Points' table below. How many can you do in the next 12 months?

My Bonus Points Table

Category	Max. Points	My Points

