

# Community in Nature for Schools


With more than 400 schools in Singapore, students and teachers are major stakeholders in biodiversity conservation. Through our Community in Nature (CIN) school programmes, we hope to encourage and empower more schools to act for biodiversity.

As Singapore moves towards becoming a [City in Nature](#), we will build upon what has been achieved and further restore nature into the urban environment. NParks' City in Nature vision is also a key pillar of the [Singapore Green Plan 2030](#) – a national movement to chart our course for sustainable development.

**Community in Nature (CIN)** is a national movement to conserve Singapore's natural heritage. It brings together all of NParks' nature-related events, activities and programmes with the aim of connecting, engaging and inspiring diverse communities to help conserve our natural heritage.

Join one of our programmes today to contribute to our City in Nature mission, and be recognized as a **CIN School!**

Write to us at [CIN@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:CIN@nparks.gov.sg) to find out more, or visit [www.go.gov.sg/cin](http://www.go.gov.sg/cin).



These are  
the three CIN  
streams!

**1. Habitat Enhancement &  
Species Recovery**

**2. Citizen Science**

**3. Nature Education**

# BIODIVERSITY WEEK FOR SCHOOLS

**Stream 2: Citizen Science**  
**Stream 3: Nature Education**

A week-long programme with a variety of activities, Biodiversity Week for Schools is organised in conjunction with the annual International Day of Biological Diversity on 22nd May. The celebrations will culminate in the Festival of Biodiversity (FoB). All schools are invited to visit FoB to learn more about Singapore's rich biodiversity.

## Target audience:

Programme	Target Audience
Playtime series	Preschools and lower primary
Green Wave	All levels (preschool onwards)
BioBlitz for Schools	Upper primary onwards

**Frequency:** Once per year during end of May

**Training:** These activities are mostly intended for self-directed implementation by schools. A briefing session for all schools will be held in early April.

No training will be provided for Green Wave and Playtime, but a workshop for BioBlitz for Schools will be conducted in end April.

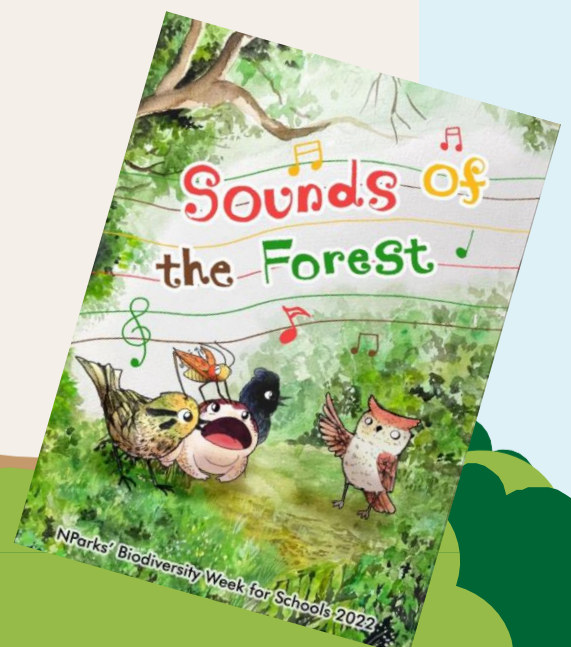
**Prerequisites:** None

**Requirements:** Teachers must carry out the activity for the target group of students and complete a survey form to provide feedback for the activities conducted. Kindly note that activities are subject to prevailing Safe Management Measures.



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# ROVING BIODIVERSITY EXHIBITION

## Stream 3: Nature Education

The International Day for Biological Diversity falls on 22nd May every year. To celebrate this event, NParks organises the annual Festival of Biodiversity together with members of the Biodiversity Roundtable.

The information-packed exhibition panels at the Festival now come in a bite-sized version – **Roving Biodiversity Exhibition** banners for schools to rent for free. Simply fill up the online request form below to ‘chope’ them!

### Resources available:

- 3 available themes for selection:
  - Discovering Our Natural Heritage
  - Pollinators in Our Ecosystem
  - City in Nature
- Accompanying online quizzes
- 1 – 2 sets of specimens for selected themes

**Target audience:** Upper primary onwards

**Frequency:** Year-round; subject to availability

**Training:** Not required; the programme is intended for self-directed implementation by teachers with their students

**Prerequisites:** None

### Requirements:

In an effort to raise awareness on our local biodiversity, teachers and/or students will be required to conduct outreach activities using the activity sheets provided. Teachers will have to fill in a photo journal after the exhibition to document the use of the banners in the school.

[www.go.gov.sg/rbe](http://www.go.gov.sg/rbe)



# Community in Nature Schools Award

The Community in Nature (CIN) Schools Award is a new recognition scheme to acknowledge, appreciate and celebrate the works of our schools, as well as to motivate educators and students to contribute to local biodiversity conservation efforts.

It aims to:

- Recognise proactive partners from various educational institutions that have contributed to biodiversity conservation.
- Encourage stakeholders from the education sector to take on a more active role to conserve our biodiversity.
- Provide a networking platform for schools to share and exchange biodiversity-related knowledge and experiences

**Target audience:** Schools, teachers, and students from preschool to junior college level

**Frequency:** Biennial on even years

**Training:** Not applicable

**Prerequisites:** Participating schools should have completed at least one biodiversity-related project within the past two years.

Nomination for the 2024 CIN Schools Award opens in December 2023. For more information, please visit [go.gov.sg/cinschoolsaward](https://go.gov.sg/cinschoolsaward).

