



Bush Blitz TeachLive



The Bush Blitz TeachLive program sees primary and secondary teachers from across Australia join scientists in the field. The teachers help Australia's top scientists document the plants and animals in the area, and potentially discover new species.

From the field teachers teach 'live' back to their students via the dedicated Bush Blitz TeachLive website. Highlights and lesson plans are posted daily, and then made available for public use.

TeachLive is a great introduction to the way innovative technologies can motivate students. Students experience what is involved in scientific research, increasing their curiosity and enthusiasm for science. It provides them with a new perspective on scientific research and exposes them to positive career opportunities.

Applications from participating teachers are coordinated through the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA). Calls for applications are announced at the beginning of the school year. Be sure to join your local STA to be eligible to apply www.asta.edu.au.



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About Bush Blitz

Bush Blitz is a groundbreaking species discovery partnership between the Australian Government, BHP Billiton and Earthwatch Australia that is documenting Australia's plants and animals.

Bush Blitz brings together some of Australia's top scientists in some of Australia's most spectacular and often remote conservation reserves, with a focus on collecting some of Australia's still largely undiscovered plants and animals. Once the field collecting is done, the scientists head back to the lab for hours of painstaking work at the microscope to identify, classify and describe their plant and animal specimens.

More information about Bush Blitz can be found at www.bushblitz.org.au

About TeachLive

TeachLive is an innovative educational program developed by Earthwatch Australia that places teachers on field-based research projects, where they receive a unique professional development experience and get to teach 'live' back to their classrooms via the TeachLive website.

Students are able to take a virtual expedition with their teachers, helping them to engage in science in an Australian and global context and see their teachers as science role models.

Information about Earthwatch Australia can be found at www.earthwatch.org.au

For more information go to <http://bushblitz.teachlive.org.au/>



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