

## 34. Putting it all together - designing a visitor information board

### Aim

This activity allows students to apply the observations and information they gathered about a park ecosystem during their park visit to the development of a visitor information board.

### Materials

- Students' record sheets from their park visit.
- Maps and information about the park available from Parks Victoria (check Parks Victoria's website for Parknotes).
- Materials for construction of an information board or for an electronic display or Powerpoint presentation (e.g. construction board, photographs, diagrams and drawings).

### Activities

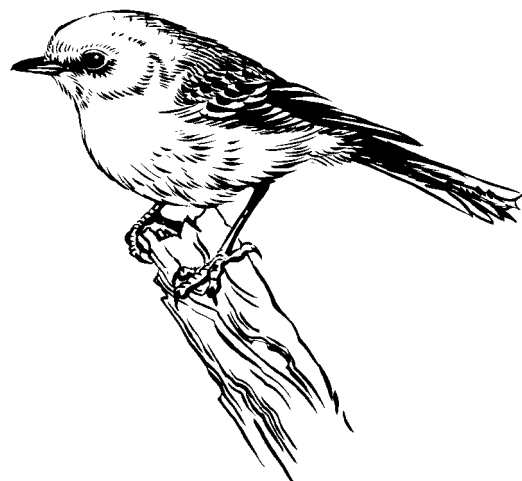
#### Background

Visitors to parks typically enjoy exploring the various ecosystems within the park. Information centres and information shelters in parks provide visitors with the opportunity to find out more about the plants, animals or geology of the park. Park brochures also provide this information to visitors and the community.

1. Working in small groups your task is to design an information panel (or an electronic presentation such as a Powerpoint presentation) about one of the main ecosystems (e.g. cool temperate rainforest, Mountain Ash forest, heathland) in the park you visited.

Your information board/presentation could include the following:

- A map showing the location of the ecosystem within the park or near major visitor locations.
- Major characteristics and landmarks.
- Major animal and plant species found in the area.
- Endangered and rare animal and plant species.
- Food web diagram.
- Vegetation Profile Diagram.
- Animal profiles, life cycle diagrams.
- Visitor activities that can be undertaken in the area.
- Regulations that exist for the area.
- What visitors can do to protect and improve the park environment.



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