



## BUNNY or BANDICOOTS

A nature activity to help you work out if rabbits or quenda are in your neighbourhood.

Have you ever noticed diggings or holes in the lawn or in the bush? They are many different sizes made by many different animals. This activity compares diggings made by rabbits (bunnies) or quenda (bandicoots).

Rabbit



Quenda



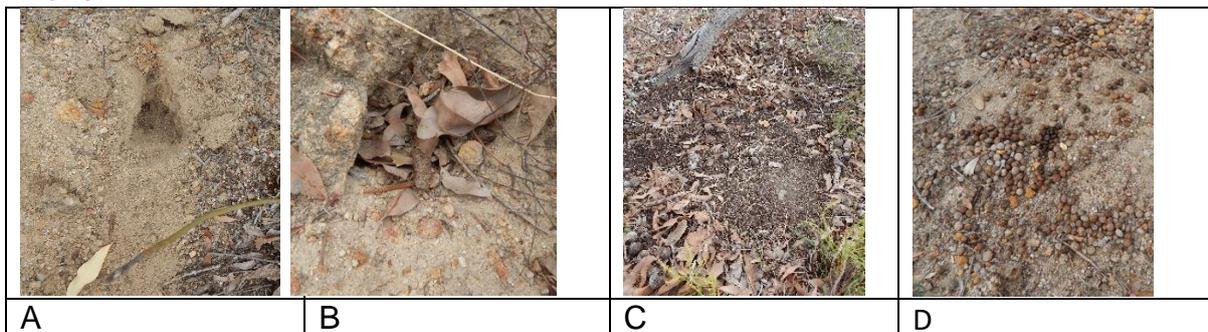
Even when you can't see animals in the bush there are signs that give you clues about what animals live there.

Quenda live in the bushland throughout Perth. They are our local WA Bandicoots.

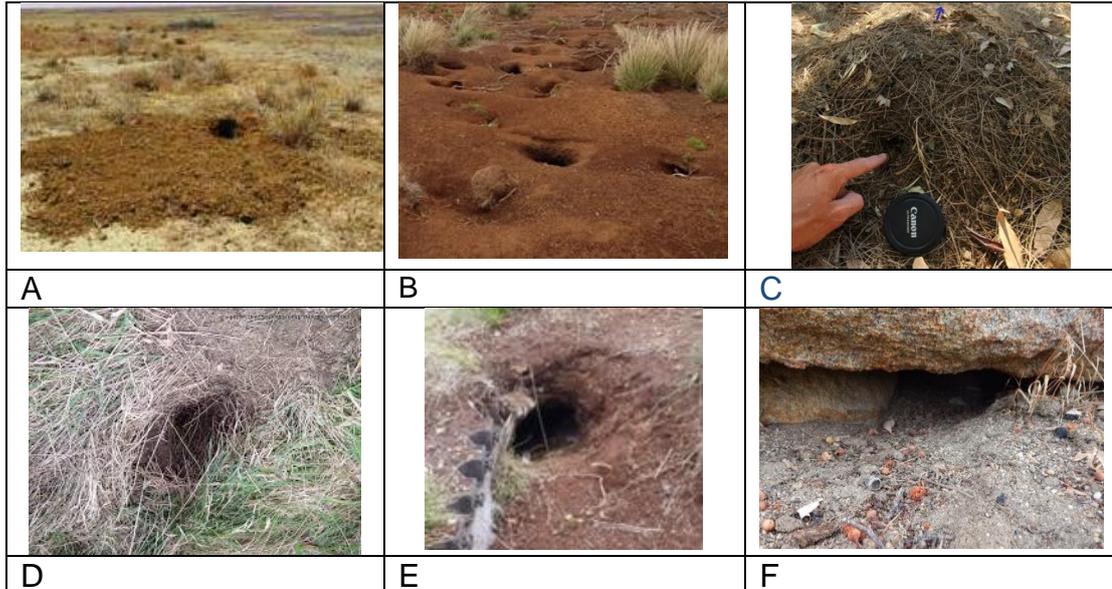
Rabbits also live in our bush. By doing a small amount of research you will discover that rabbits are a threat to natural ecosystems throughout Australia. They disrupt the habitat of many native animals including quenda. People often confuse rabbit and quenda diggings.

Here are some photos to help you differentiate between evidence of quenda and rabbits.

1. Look at these photos and see if you can work out which animal has made each one.



2. Look at these photos of burrows/nests. Can you work out which type of animal created each of these holes?



- The next time you are outdoors particularly if you are in a natural area look for burrows or other clues like diggings. You can also look for clues that tell you whether the burrow is being used or not. Look for tracks, disturbance and scats (poo)
- You could create a table to record your observations. This is just an example.

Observations	Quenda nest	Quenda digging	Rabbit burrow	Rabbit digging
Description				
Location				
Size				
Materials it is made from				
Markings or tracks				
Scats				
Animal observed				

Photo identification answers.

- (A) – Quenda create conical diggings when looking for food. (B) – Older quenda digging with a scat in it.  
(C) – Disturbance made by rabbit searching for food e.g. grass (D) – Rabbit droppings
- (C, D) - Quenda shelter in grass nests or under bushes rather than digging a burrow. They may use burrows and holes made by other animals but they don't dig a burrow.  
(A, B, E, F) – Rabbits dig holes to shelter in. (A & B) Often several rabbits dig holes in an area called a warren. (F) If the dirt is too hard they may dig under rocks.

For more information about about WA's quenda go to <https://backyardbandicoots.wordpress.com>