

Other projects

Goanna Watch

Goanna species are declining and the race is on to gather vital information to help develop management strategies for their ongoing protection.

A new citizen science project launched on National Threatened Species Day (7 September) encourages people to record the location of a goanna they see in the wild and take a photo of it and post it online.

Little Corellas

These intelligent birds in large flocks can cause damage to trees, crops, buildings, cars and generally cause a nuisance with their loud vocalisations. Focussing on sites where little corellas are problematic, this project will use exisiting knowledge and new ideas from the community to develop local solutions.

The project has been designed to help all stakeholders make informed decisions about the management of little corellas. Outcomes from the project will help develop the first Little Corella Management Plan for South Australia.

Marine Parks

Workshops held in March 2015 explored how citizen science could be used for monitoring and engagement in our Marine Parks.

The workshops investigated the potential opportunities and limitations of citizen science, analysed existing marine projects from around Australia, and explored options for South Australia. Discussions are ongoing.

Orchid Watch

Discovery Circle has been working with Native Orchid Society of South Australia, looking at infrastructure for recording orchid sightings.

Productive Gardening

This project is in the planning stage, with ideas around community gardens, backyard plots, animals (bees, chickens, fish), water consumption, and the value of productive gardening.





Website

The Discovery Circle website has been created to support multiple projects, with the ability to interface with various IT infrastructures, including the Atlas of Living Australia for BioBlitzes, Movebank for the Cat Tracker project and Mental Modeler for the corella project. Other features include:

- A series of regular online feature articles, aimed at the broader community, to promote learning about local places and issues. Previous and upcoming topics include: tools to help you identify flora and fauna, native bee hotels, threatened species, possum boxes, butterfly gardening, geocaching and bird-watching.
- A retired academic, Dr Sandra Taylor, has been engaged to write a monthly Nature Note. Topics will include Sounds of the City, Fruit Bats, Elm Leaf Beetles, Water Rats, Willy Wagtails, Wood Ducks, Ibis, Rainbow Lorikeets, Allergenic Plants, Marbled Geckos, and more.

