

Birds in our School

FOCUS QUESTION: How can we make sure that the right food is available for Willie Wagtails in the school ground?

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<p>Willie Wagtails are found in open forests and woodlands. They tend to prefer the wetter areas, with lots of leaf-litter, for feeding, and available mud for nest building.</p> <p>Willie Wagtails are active feeders. Birds can be seen darting around lawns as they hunt for insects on the ground. As they do so, the tail is wagged from side to side. Insects are also captured in the air, in active chases.</p> <p>Author: Australian Museum Title: Willie Wagtail Page URL: http://www.amonline.net.au/factsheets/willie_wagtail.htm Copyright Date: 2003 Date I accessed the page: 29/7/03</p>	<p>Willie Wagtails eat insects, so we need to make sure that there are insects in the school ground.</p> <p>We need to ask the school gardener if she is using spray for insects on the plants and suggest that if possible she doesn't.</p> <p>I know that ants are a problem around the lunch area and they are being killed with poison. Perhaps we could all make sure the lunch area is kept really clean so that the ants stay out on the oval where they aren't a problem and the wagtails can eat them. NB: People in Perth think that Wagtails disappeared because Argentine Ants were sprayed with Dieldrin.</p>
<p>The information I copied to help me answer my focus question</p> <p>Willie Wagtail's are very adaptable and can be found in all habitats. When hunting, they will run along the ground to chase insects, or swoop out from trees to catch an insect on the wing, sometimes traveling large distances in tumbling flights.</p> <p>Author: Claire Stevenson Title: Birds of Perth Page URL: http://www.birdsofperth.com Copyright Date: 2000-2003 Date I accessed the page: 30/7/03</p>	<p>We need to have trees to make leaf litter. Insects hide in leaf litter so we should not have the areas under trees raked to remove all the leaves.</p>
<p>The information I copied to help me answer my focus question</p> <p>Many people agreed that Willie Wagtails used to be common in Perth, but largely disappeared during the 1960s when dieldrin was used to control pests such as Argentine Ants.</p> <p>Author: Birds Australia Western Australia (Inc) Title: Perth Birdwatch Page URL: http://birdswa.iinet.net.au/projects/birdwatch/birdwatch.htm Copyright Date: 2001-2003 Date I accessed the page: 30/7/03</p>	

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