

## How green is your school's backyard?

Step outside the classroom and look around your backyard.

Give one mark for each thing you find.

1. Mulch or leaf litter on the garden where insects, spiders and other mini beasts like to live.
2. Lots of mini beasts like spiders, moths, beetles, earthworms or stick insects.
3. Places for mini beasts to hide or live in like rotting woodpiles, cracks and holes, old concrete or low thick growing plants like Coprosmas where lizards can hide.
4. Plenty of worms in the soil.
5. Spiders' webs.
6. Water for birds in places that are safe from cats.
7. Plants like flax and kowhai with nectar that birds love.
8. Plants like wineberry and karamu with fruit that birds love.
9. Bigger trees for birds to sit in and nest in.
10. Plants that birds like feed on, growing in places where a cat can't get!



### Check out your green score

**1 to 3 Light green** - The mini beasts will visit but a make over will bring more in.

**4 to 7 Medium green** - Mini beasts and birds will like your backyard. Little things like woodpiles will bring in even more.

**8 to 10 Dark green** - Yep! Pretty amazing for birds and mini beasts. They'll like living there!