

Read4Nature – Picture Books about living things

Book name

Waddle Giggle Gargle!

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Thumbs up!

One of my favourite books! A very short story, with a caring creative solution to a common magpie problem.

Main theme

Co-existing with magpies (wildlife).

Living things in this book

Magpies

things to talk about in the illustrations

- ⊗ Characteristics of magpies
- ⊗ Colour of adults and young
- ⊗ Body shape
- ⊗ Speckles on the eggs
- ⊗ behaviours to protect its young
- ⊗ links into the environment
- ⊗ nest in the fork of tree
- ⊗ the magpies gum tree is the only one in the street
- ⊗ the part of the tree magpies use
- ⊗ other aspects in the environment
- ⊗ the difference in the shape of the native (gum) and introduced (garden) trees

things to notice in the text

- ⊗ Characteristics of magpies
- ⊗ song
- ⊗ spring time for nesting and laying eggs
- ⊗ behaviours to protect its young
- ⊗ people choose to do things that care for the magpies young too
- ⊗ Big eye shapes
- ⊗ Noises
- ⊗ Head protection

Now to observe

- ⊗ Look for native and introduced trees around you and how they differ by shapes and colours

⊗ What birds live around you?

⊗ How do they behave?

And to record

- ⊗ Make your own magpie protection bike helmet

More about this book:

Science notes

At the front. Very brief note about their colour, song and protective behaviours.

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