

# Classroom Activities

## 10 Big Questions - How will we conserve species diversity?\*

### Counting bird species:

You will need:

- A visit to the city
- notepad and pen
- grandparent or parent

Method:

Many bird species don't like cities with all their noise, cars and people. Cities are growing, with more roads, buildings and people. What do you think will happen to the number of bird species found in cities as they get bigger?

Spend 10 minutes in the city counting the bird species you see.

Afterwards, ask your grandparent or parent how many bird species they would see on a visit to the city.

How do they compare? We expect the number of bird species today to be fewer. Try repeating the count on another day or try visiting a national park and comparing your city bird list to what you find there.

This classroom activity was suggested by Stephen Gregory –PhD student in the School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of Adelaide.

\* To find out more about the 10 Big Questions, go to:

<http://www.sciences.adelaide.edu.au/learning-teaching/10bq/>

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