



So much fun learning at the Southland Community Nursery and Education Centre...



Play the "Leaf lucky dip" game
 Find out about ecosourcing, collect seeds and pot up a seedling
 Grow a leaf litter garden
 Play the Bird Match Game and the Bird Beak Game
 Who am I? Lizards and Frogs
 How skink friendly is Your Place?
 Look at the bird boxes
 Take a senses walk with the scavenger hunt cards
 Visit a QEII covenant reserve
 Identify six native plants or birds
 Make leaf or bark rubbings
 Go for a nature walk – what can you see?
 Study what lives in and around the wetland pond or Rance's creek.
 Hunt for bugs in different habitats and check out the insect motels
 Search for birds – inside and outside!
 Look at the orchard, nut garden and vegetable gardens
 Learn how to go about starting your own growing projects, creating a wetland, a native shelterbelt, school garden or attracting native birds, creating your own community nursery, creating your own garden...
 Use the books in the Southland Community Nursery library.
 Race around the maze in the paddock
 Use the giant habitat murals as a back drop to a skit or a song or a dance that you make up about native species...
 Have fun getting close to nature - the Nature Education Centre is suitable for all ages
 Learn about conservation studies, including: native plants; birds; insects; animal pests; restoration ecology; and wetland studies.
 Hands-on activities include:

- growing native plants - seed collecting, taking cuttings and potting up
- learning how to identify native plants
- learning how to create gardens or habitats - including riverside (riparian) plantings
- attracting native birds

Use your senses on a nature scavenger hunt, match colours, get to know a tree, imagine you are an ant on a treasure hunt, talk and listen to the birds, learn about camouflage and come up with a creative name for your concoction!
 Check out the pitfall traps for insects – see one set up and learn how to make your own
 Learn about flowers, seeds and leaves
 Explore the 500 year old forest
 Be arty, creative or make a movie
 Design a native plant garden