



Create a Lizard Lounge in your Backyard

Your backyard could be home to a variety of lizards, such as blue-tongue lizards and skinks. These reptiles are great for pest control and add to the biodiversity of your backyard.

Follow these steps to create a safe and welcoming habitat for them.



1. Location matters

- Choose a sunny spot: Lizards need sunlight to regulate their body temperature. Ensure the area gets plenty of morning sun but has shaded spots for cooling off.

2. Provide shelter

- Rocks and logs: Arrange flat rocks, logs, or pieces of bark to create hiding spots and basking areas.
- Native plants: Include native shrubs and grasses for additional cover and hunting grounds.
- Re-use: Use terracotta pipes or old pots turned on their side for secure shelters.

3. Add a water source

- Water: Place a shallow bowl of water in a shaded area. Refill and clean it regularly to ensure fresh water. A small pond with gently sloping edges can also attract lizards and other wildlife.

4. Create a food supply

- Encourage insects: Leave leaf litter or mulch to attract insects like beetles, ants, and spiders which are natural prey for lizards.
- Avoid pesticides: Chemicals can harm lizards and reduce their food supply.

5. Safety

- Keep cats indoors: Cats are a significant threat to lizards. Encourage neighbours to do the same.

6. Monitor and Enjoy

- Observe respectfully: Watch lizards from a distance to avoid stressing them.
- Keep observing: Note which species visit your lizard lounge.

