

Busy Beaks

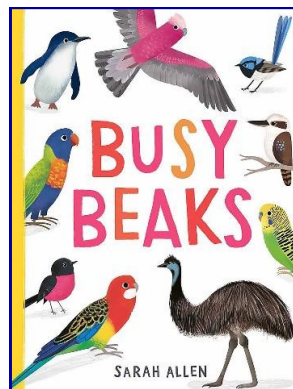
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Spend a day with Australia's most vibrant and unique feathered friends. Full of splashing shorebirds, clattering cockatoos, parading penguins and greedy galahs, *Busy Beaks* is the perfect introduction to birds of all shapes and sizes.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Australian birds
- Daily routines
- Comparing and contrasting

Discussion Questions and Activities:

Questions to ask before we begin reading:

- Have a look at the front cover, what do you think this book will be about?
- How many birds are on the cover? Do you know the names of any?
- Where do you think these birds live?
- What noises do birds make? Ask the class to perform a kookaburra noise.
- Who can be the best Laughing Kookaburra?

Questions to ask while we are reading:

- *Busy Beaks* opens with the 'craaaa' of Sulphur-crested Cockatoos. Which other birds are up early in the morning? What are they doing?
- This book starts in the morning and ends at night time. Flick through the book and see if you can spot the sun. Is it changing in position throughout the day? How so? What happens to the sky as the sun starts to go down?
- Which birds are dancing in *Busy Beaks*?
- There are two types of cockatoo in this book. Can you find them? Do these birds look alike in any way? How are they different?
- Have a look at the Facts & Feathers pages at the end of this book. Can you find some facts about these birds that aren't shown in the book? Call some out to the class!

Knowledge and understanding of the world:

- Birds might all have feathers and beaks, but they can live very different lives from each other! From this book, can you:
 - ◇ Name the different places (habitats) that birds can live?
 - ◇ Why might some birds live near the sea and others in the desert?
 - ◇ Name the different foods that birds can eat?
 - ◇ Describe what makes the birds look different from each other?
- Draw a new Australian bird on the sheet that is attached.



Draw a new Australian bird!

Can you create a new bird for *Busy Beaks*? Use the image below to draw your special bird on its own perch!

