

# Wild Families



## It's nice to meet you tree

### VNPA ACTIVITY SHEET

Get ready! It's time for you or your family to meet and get to know a tree! It could be a tree in your neighbourhood, at a park, your school, or in the bush.

- 🌿 Choose a tree you like.
- ✏️ Take pencils and paper with you.
- 💡 Try some or all of these ideas, or come up with your own ways to get to know your tree.
- ✔️ Use these ideas to connect, record them with a tick, words, drawing or photos.

Connect, explore, discuss and reflect!

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Take some time to breathe deeply 😊. You may be breathing in oxygen created by your tree, and it may breathe in the carbon dioxide you are breathing out.

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How old do you think the tree is? Is it older 🧓 or younger 🧒 than you? Your family members?

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Describe the shapes of the leaves 🍃 with as many words as you can. What do they smell 🤔 like if you squash them in your hand?

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What wildlife could be living in or eating the tree? Remember to look for tiny insects 🐛 and larger animals.

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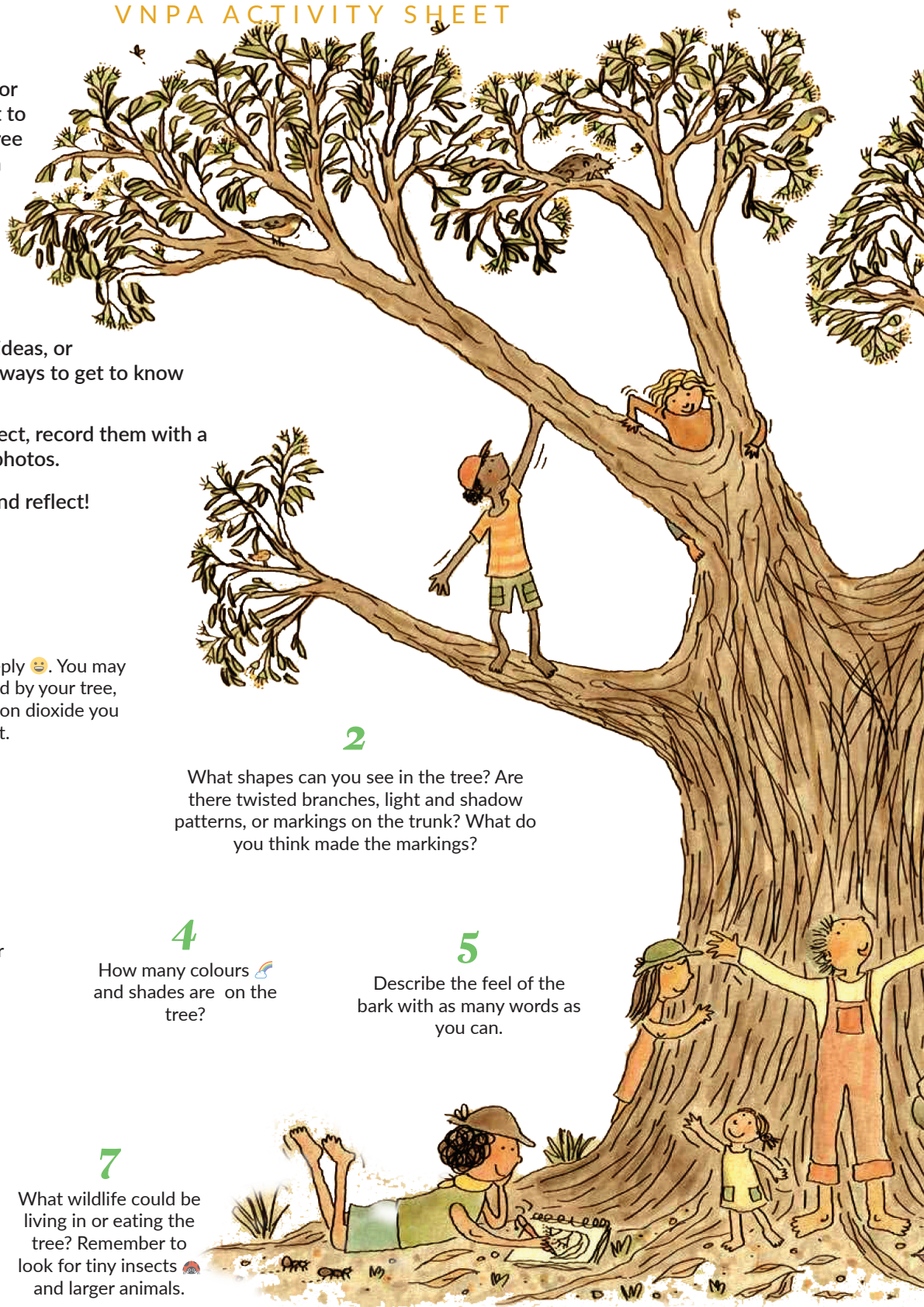
What shapes can you see in the tree? Are there twisted branches, light and shadow patterns, or markings on the trunk? What do you think made the markings?

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How many colours 🌈 and shades are on the tree?

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Describe the feel of the bark with as many words as you can.



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Does your tree have flowers?  
Describe their shape and colour 🌸.  
Do they smell nice?

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Are there any plants 🌿, lichen or  
moss growing on or under the tree?  
Describe them.

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What sort of habitat does this  
tree live in? Is it a dry forest, a  
school yard, a riverside, a farm, a  
mountain top 🏔️?



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What parts of the tree can  
you see at your feet 🦶?  
Are there leaves, fallen  
branches, seeds/nuts,  
flowers or roots poking  
through the soil?

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What might've happened around  
this tree over its lifetime? Maybe  
bushwalkers leaning on it, 🐦 birds  
nesting in its branches, children climbing  
it, or even a bushfire 🔥. You may wish to  
write a creative story about what your  
tree could have experienced.

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How is this tree like me/us?  
Take some time to consider  
things about the tree that are  
similar to you 🧐, for example  
it's growing, or it lives in the  
same street 🏠.

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Give your tree a name. You could make up a name like  
'The Magic Flowering Gum' or 'The Grey Ribbon Bark  
Tree' or use a field guide like the iNaturalist app 📱 to  
figure out what type it is.

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Draw a picture of your tree or  
a part of your tree, like a leaf or  
branch. Include as much detail as  
you like.

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Return to your tree at different times of  
the day 🕒 or year 🌞 to get to know it  
better and look for changes.



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