

Plant a habitat buffer

behind houses, on edges of mown areas and/or close to tracks (with landowner's permission)



Planting a buffer of spiky habitat plants, such as *Hakea* and *Bursaria*, in selected areas around a bushland remnant may offer benefits, such as:

- protecting wildlife by reducing dog and cat access into bushland
- providing a protected nesting site (a habitat haven) for small birds
- directing larger more territorial birds, such as noisy miners and ravens to the tree canopy, away from the lower levels of vegetation used by small native birds and animals
- discouraging people from entering sensitive areas of bushland.

Other benefits:

- spiky plants reaching the ground provide a protective cover for lizards and other small native animals, and stop wind blown rubbish
- when planted close to a fence may add to security of residents by hampering access.