

## **Can You Find Me?**

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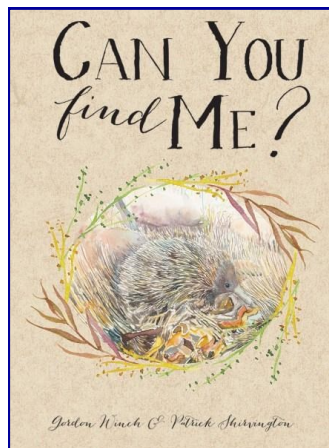
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Bestselling children's author Gordon Winch takes us to visit some of Australia's most loved animals and marvel at their clever camouflage.

Award-winning artist Patrick Shirvington evokes the beauty of the Australian landscape and the unique creatures living there.

Can you find all the creatures hiding in the pages of the book?



### **Themes:**

- Hide and Seek
- Australiana
- Flora
- Fauna

### **Discussion Questions & Activities:**

- Can you recall how many creatures are mentioned in the story?
- Enjoy finding all the hidden creatures on each page.
- Which creature is your favourite and why?
- Think of an animal that isn't in the story and write your own description of that animal, starting with 'I am a....' then complete the scene by making a picture of the animal and its surrounds. Make sure to try and camouflage your animal in your picture!
- How many of these creatures have you seen in real life? Where did you see them? Have you seen any in their natural habitat?
- How important is the habitat of each of these creatures to their survival? As a class, research how environmental factors may play a part in the well being of each of the animals.
- Do you think it is a co-incidence that the creatures are able to camouflage into their surroundings? Explore.
- Arrange an excursion to a local park, zoo or wildlife centre to study more about our natural environment. From this, the students can choose a creature to study and present a report about, including such facts about the animal's habitat, natural predators, prey, if it is endangered and it's life expectancy.
- Make a comprehensive list of other Australian native birds, animals and plants that are not mentioned in the story.