

MAKE YOUR OWN LIZARD LOUNGE



Did you know all native lizard species are protected and shouldn't be caught, collected or deliberately disturbed?



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EXPLORE YOUR OWN BACKYARD

Start searching for the perfect spot to put your lizard lounge. Lizards love warm, dry and sunny areas. If you already have tussocks or rocks in your garden, then you're off to a great start. Shrubs with tangled branches are perfect for thick ground cover.

BUILD A LIZARD LOUNGE

Do you have any of the following lying around?

Rotting logs, rocks, bits of old bark, terracotta tiles, corrugated iron pieces, old bits of wood or firewood.

Stack any of the above items loosely so there are plenty of cracks and holes (lizards enjoy hiding between cracks and under cover!).

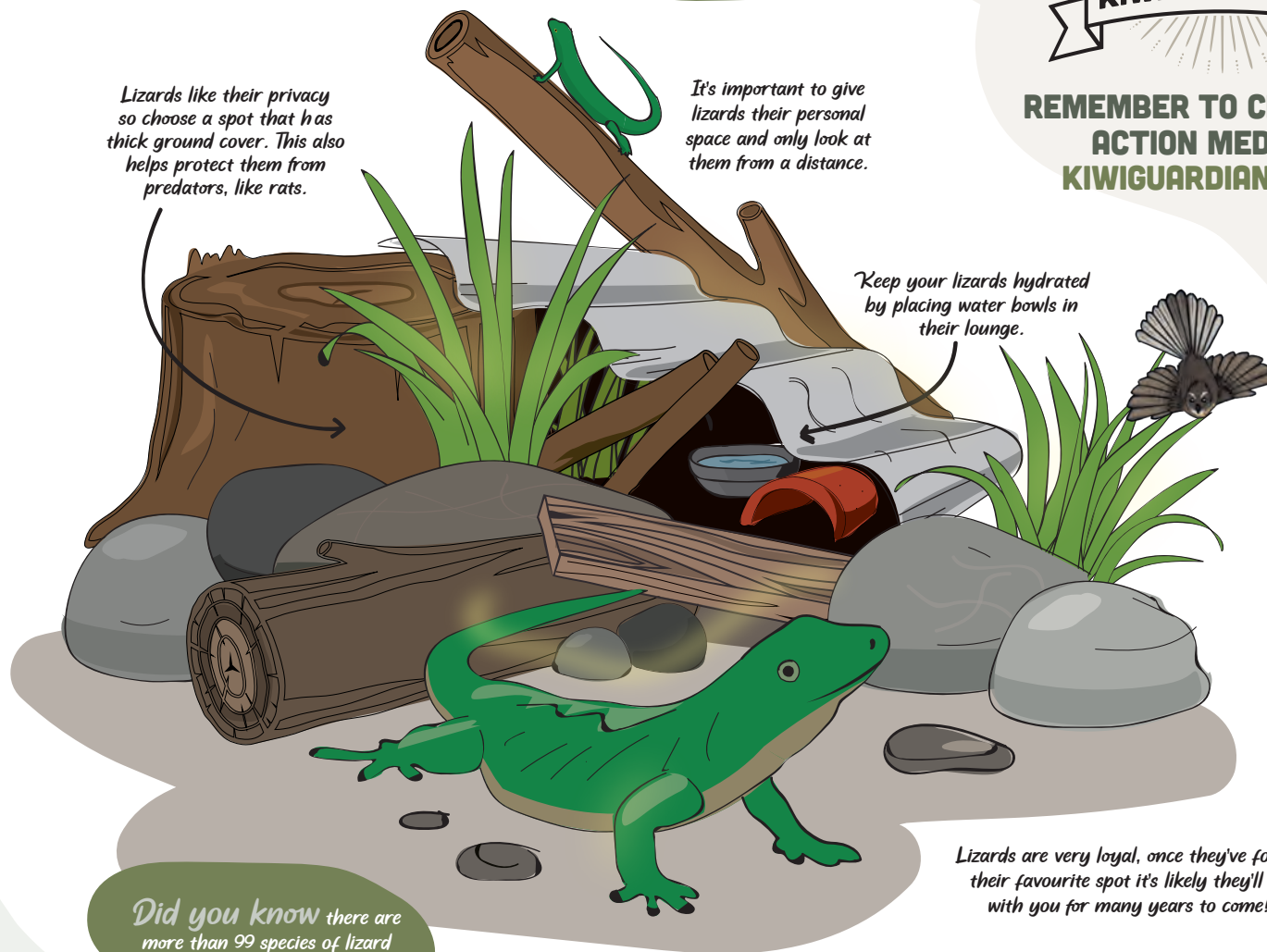
Try experimenting with different materials and keep track of what lizards like best. How many different kinds of lizard are in your garden? Do certain objects appeal more to particular species?

MAKE SURE YOU TELL US IF THERE ARE ANY LIZARDS IN YOUR BACKYARD AND ABOUT THE LIZARD LOUNGE YOU'VE BUILT, AND WE'LL SEND YOU A KIWI GUARDIANS HABITAT CREATOR - LIZARD LOUNGE MEDAL

Lizards like their privacy so choose a spot that has thick ground cover. This also helps protect them from predators, like rats.

It's important to give lizards their personal space and only look at them from a distance.

Keep your lizards hydrated by placing water bowls in their lounge.



Did you know there are more than 99 species of lizard that live in New Zealand?

Lizards are very loyal, once they've found their favourite spot it's likely they'll be with you for many years to come!



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