

FACT SHEET: VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES BY NATIONAL PARKS BOARD

In conjunction with the launch of Clean and Green Singapore 2021 on 21 November, NParks welcomes the public to join us on a series of virtual activities that are designed to enrich knowledge on flora and fauna in Singapore and intrigue one's interest in nature.

1. Drops, Strokes and Splashes: Coffee Art (An Interactive Virtual Programme)



Coffee is often associated with the beverage that adults drink to perk themselves up. Curious about where it comes from? Join us and learn more about coffee, from shrub to cup. Did you know that coffee can also be used for painting? Participants will learn how to mix different shades of coffee paint and use tiny drops, strokes and splashes to create your very own art piece.

Materials to prepare:

- Instant coffee powder (10g sachet stick)
- 3 small cups¹ of warm water
- Watercolour paper / drawing block (or any type of paper that is white and thick)
- A thin paint brush
- Kitchen towel or wet wipes
- Printed sketch templates² to paint on

Optional:

- A straw

- Pencil, crayon and colour pencil

This is to hold the coffee paints once we mix in the coffee powder. Alternatively, you can repurpose any of the following small vessels/containers:

- Bottle caps
- Plastic containers to hold sauces, dips and jelly

Session Details

- Date: 23 Nov 2021 (Tuesday)
- Time: 10am – 10:30am
- Duration: Approx. 30 minutes
- Meeting Point: Virtual – link will be sent to successful registrants
- Fee: Free
- Contact for queries: nparks_sbg_edu@nparks.gov.sg, steffi_loe@nparks.gov.sg

Interested participants can sign up and register by scanning the QR code here.



2. Sounds of Nature (An Interactive Virtual Programme)



Listen closely to the sounds of nature, what do you hear? The bright blue plumage of the kingfisher attracts much admiration but it is often its distinctive call that alerts us to its presence. Learn how you can identify different animals from their distinctive calls and find out what other sounds of nature are around you.

Session Details

- Date: 24 Nov 2021 (Wednesday)
- Time: 10am – 10:30am
- Duration: Approx. 30 minutes
- Meeting Point: Virtual – link will be sent to successful registrants
- Fee: Free
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3. Home for Hamsters (A Pet Responsibility Programme)



Join our colleagues from the Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS), a cluster of NParks, to learn some basic pet care tips during this interactive sharing on how to be a responsible pet owner. You will learn about the behaviour and needs of a pet during each session, as well as whether you should consider the option of adoption when deciding to get one. Participants will also have the chance to meet our furry and friendly pet ambassadors virtually!

Session Details

- Date: 25 Nov 2021 (Thursday)
- Time: 10am – 11am

- Duration: Approx. 1 hour
- Meeting Point: Virtual – link will be sent to successful registrants
- Fee: Free
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4. Online Children's Storytelling and Crafts (November)



Sometimes, the tiniest are the mightiest. Brown squirrel was tiny and plain until the day he decided to render help. What did squirrel do? Join us to listen to this Deepavali tale where we celebrate small and large victories, and learn how to make a colourful Rangoli suncatcher!

Session Details

- Date: 27 Nov 2021 (Saturday)
- Time: 9am – 10am
- Duration: Approx. 1 hour
- Meeting Point: Virtual – link will be sent to successful registrants
- Fee: Free
- Contact for queries: JurongLakeGardens@nparks.gov.sg.

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5. Zoom Webinar: Combatting Illegal Trade in Wildlife

Join our NParks colleagues, Ms Xie Renhui from the Wildlife Trade team, Dr Hiong Kum Chew from the Centre for Wildlife Forensics and Ms Elizabeth Clarke from the World Wide Fund (Singapore) in our upcoming webinar on combatting illegal trade in wildlife. Together, they will share more about Singapore's efforts in combatting illegal trade in wildlife, how science is used to analyse and uncover insights about wildlife seizures, and the importance of effective collaboration and collective efforts across governments, non-government organisations and businesses.

Session Details

- Date: 27 Nov 2021 (Saturday)
- Time: 10am – 11am
- Duration: Approx. 1 hour
- Meeting Point: Virtual – link will be sent to successful registrants
- Fee: Free
- Contact for queries: cyrena_lin@nparks.gov.sg

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6. I am a Responsible Pet Owner!



Are you ready to own a pet? Learn more about how to provide basic care and understand the various behaviours of pet animals. You will get to understand the importance of adopting a pet and what you can do to become a responsible pet owner! In this edition, our folks from the AVS will be introducing participants to guinea pigs. Being one of the more popular types of pets for first time pet owners, there is much to learn about these adorable ‘fur-iends’. Participants will have an engaging session where they will find out more about guinea pigs and meet our pet ambassadors, Jill and Joey bowie.

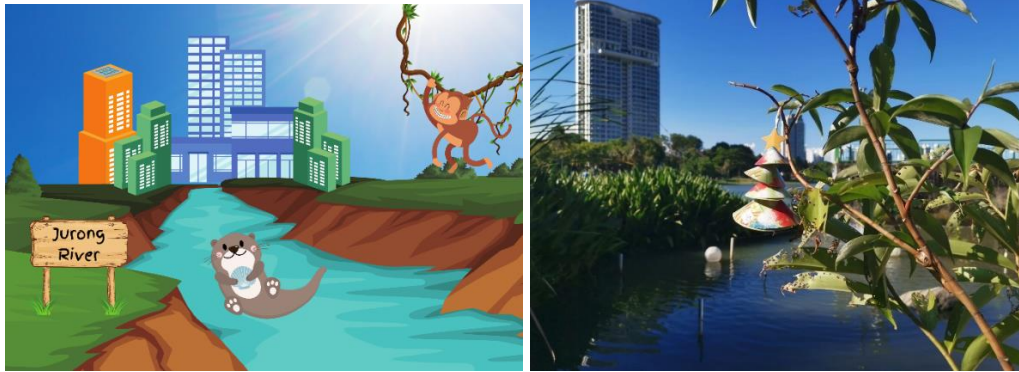
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7. Ottie the Otter (Online Narrative for Children)



Join Ottie the Otter as he embarks on a journey up the Jurong River with his friend Monica the Monkey! Follow their adventure upstream as they venture through the estates and discover more about the water that Ottie calls home.

Ottie and Monica will be sharing tips on how we can reduce water usage and protect one of our most important natural resources: Water. Let's help them spread the word as they rally the community in this fight against climate change! With Christmas around the corner, join us and learn how to make an ornamental Christmas tree! This programme is brought to you through a collaboration with Waterways Watch Society.

Session Details

- Date: 27 Nov 2021 (Saturday)
- Time: 11.30am – 12.30am
- Duration: Approx. 1 hour
- Meeting Point: Virtual – link will be sent to successful registrants
- Fee: Free
- Contact for queries: JurongLakeGardens@nparks.gov.sg

Interested participants can sign up for the guided tour by scanning the QR code here.



8. How to Grow Your Own High-rise Edible Greens



Microgreens and leafy vegetables are popular edible plants among Singaporeans. Space is often a constraint for high-rise dwellers here, and microgreens and leafy vegetables are most suited for such confined areas. They are quick to grow and a sizeable harvest can be obtained from a small space. Join us in this gardening talk where Jack Yam shares with us his knowledge on how this can be done on your balcony or corridor. You can also hear from him the benefits of bringing together people, such as, your neighbours, to participate in an enjoyable collective effort to grow edibles in your living space.

About the speaker:

Jack Yam is an avid urban farmer and active member in the online urban farming community. He is also one of the admins of a 48,000-member strong urban farming Facebook group called “Urban Farmers (Singapore)”. Jack have been featured on various media outlets and maintains his own gardening Facebook page called “The Midnight Gardener”. His tutorials are posted there so that the general public can gain access to the information. Why did he call himself “The Midnight Gardener”? This was coined by his wife as he was only able to attend to his plants in the nights. Both he and his wife work and they have three children. The only time that he could do gardening is when the children are off to bed, the time which he terms – The Golden Hour.

Session Details

- Date: 27 Nov 2021 (Saturday)
- Time: 2pm to 2.45pm
- Duration: Approx. 45 min
- Meeting Point: Virtual – link will be sent to successful registrants

- Fee: Free
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9. Online Gardening Q&A (November)



Have issues growing plants in your garden? Join us in this virtual meeting to get them answered by our in-house horticulturist, Dr Wilson Wong. This session will be run monthly during Bazaar in the Garden.

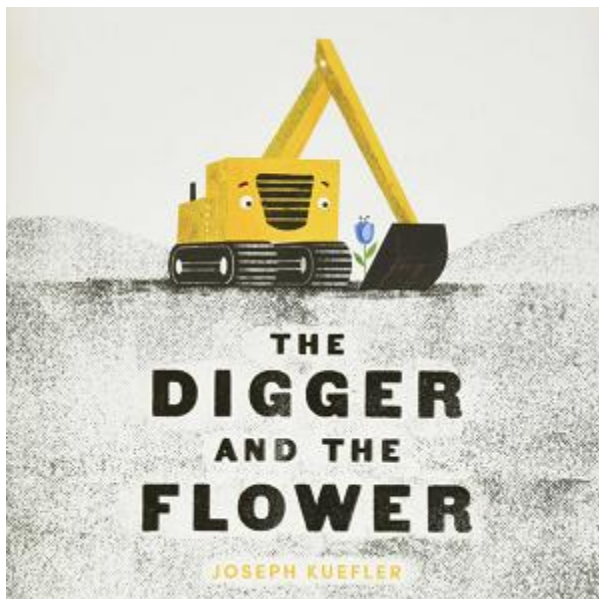
Session Details

- Date: 27 Nov 2021 (Saturday)
- Time: 3pm –3.45pm
- Duration: Approx. 45 min
- Meeting Point: Virtual – link will be sent to successful registrants
- Fee: Free
- Contact for queries: JurongLakeGardens@nparks.gov.sg

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10. Storytelling: The Digger and the Flower (An Interactive Virtual Programme)



The Digger and the Flower is a short story with a lot of heart. Written and illustrated by Joseph Kuefler, this empathetic tale teaches children to nurture and care for nature. Join us at this interactive storytelling session where participants will learn about the importance of sharing our urban spaces with nature.

Session Details

- Date: 30 Nov 2021 (Tuesday)
- Time: 10am – 10:30am
- Duration: Approx. 30 min
- Meeting Point: Virtual – link will be sent to successful registrants
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