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# Australian Brushturkey Survey

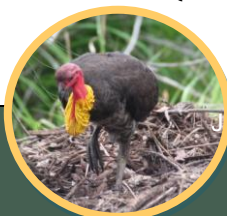
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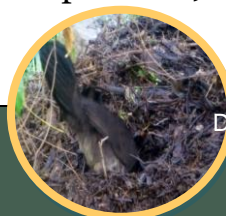
The male Australian Brushturkey will take up to 5 weeks to build his mound from leaves and dirt, or garden mulch. He will maintain the mound at the range from 27°C to 37°C, most commonly around 33°C.

The sun and micro-organisms from decaying vegetation keep the mound warm. The Brushturkey tests the temperature using his beak and then adds to (raises the temperature) or removes from (reduces the temperature) the mound.

### Things to do



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1. Be part of our **Numbers in November Competition** to be the top survey participant, or class, by recording as many different Brushturkey and Brushturkey mound sightings as you can in the month of November.
2. Just keep looking for Brushturkeys and reporting any birds you see to our Australian Brushturkey Survey.

### The Survey

- 145 entries made in October
- 1,629 Brushturkeys seen in total
- 26 (4.9%) have chicks present
- 199 (37.4%) have mounds nearby

### Numbers in November Top Turkey Spotter

- Top 3 turkey surveyors win
- Record the most individual turkey sightings (no repeats)
- Prizes include a set of pocket bird guides, bird memorabilia.

### Numbers in November Top Turkey Supporters

- School class participants
- Record the most turkeys or turkey mounds (no repeats)
- Prizes are a bird guide and pens for the class.

