

Stella the Straw-headed Bulbul Explores Our City in Nature

Video: Doing the Right Thing!

Follow Stella the Straw-headed Bulbul as she sets out on a journey across Singapore's green spaces to get home (the forest at Bukit Timah) by evening. She encounters a series of animals along the way and finds out how we should behave when we come across these animals in our City in Nature. What animals will she find in Singapore's green spaces? What are the dos and don'ts she must know when she comes across them? Let's watch the video together and find out!

Prompting questions (before playing the video)

- What animals have you seen in Singapore?
- What animals do you see near your home?
- What animals do you see in our parks and Nature Reserves, or by our rivers? Are they different?
- What do you do when you see a wild animal in Singapore?
- Do you ever feed them?
- (Trick question) Which animals should you feed in Singapore? (Only your pets!)

Discussion questions (after the video)

- What are native animals?
- Can you name the animals in the video? Which animals have you seen before?
- Where do pigeons live? Should you feed them?
- Where do otters live? Should you go near them, or chase after them?
- Where would you see a crocodile? Should you try to take a selfie with a crocodile? If you spot a crocodile, why should you stay on the path?
- What would you do if you saw a wild boar? Would you try to scare the wild boar away?
- Should we walk up or go near to any wild animal? Should we feed wild animals? Should we try to scare a wild animal away?

Extension activities:

- Look at a map of Singapore in class. Try to point out where the different animals live. Do they live in forests, parks, Nature Reserves, or by the rivers? Draw the animals in their natural habitats.
- Make a checklist of Dos and Don'ts that you should practise when encountering wildlife.
- Engage in role play and dramatisation as a class activity. Take turns role-playing the four animals that Stella meets. Put into practice the right behaviours you should adopt when encountering wild animals and emphasise that all the behaviours (e.g. do not feed, do not approach, do not shout/scare the animals) apply to encounters with all wildlife.

Song: We Want Singapore To Be Pretty!



Watch and learn the movements from the demo video provided in this USB flash drive or at go.gov.sg/dance-along

Chorus

We want Singapore to be pretty	<i>(wave both arms in the air, knees together, bending along)</i>
We want nature in our city	<i>(point left hand downwards to the left, then right hand to the right; look to the left with left hand shading left eye, then right eye with right)</i>
We want forests that are green and tall	<i>(bend slightly at knees; tiptoe on the spot, both hands rising slowly from knees towards sky as knees straighten)</i>
We want animals big and small	<i>(star jump; crouch, hands on knees)</i>
Because...	<i>(stand still, arms by the side)</i>

Verse 1

We have hornbills in the trees	<i>(flap outstretched arms, pretend to fly, knees together, bending along)</i>
We have turtles in the seas	<i>(legs apart, open arms wide, pretend to swim to the left then to the right)</i>
We have otters in the park	<i>(wrists dropped at chest, jog on the spot)</i>
We have pangolins after dark	<i>(roll hands with knees bent; jump with two hands covering eyes)</i>
So... (Repeat Chorus) Because...	<i>(stand still, arms by the side)</i>

Verse 2

We have pathways to go cycling	<i>(body faces right, hands pretend to hold handles of a bicycle, left leg draws circles to pretend to cycle)</i>
We have hills for us to go hiking	<i>(body faces right, pretend to march up a hill with bent arms by the side)</i>
We have rivers for us to explore	<i>(hands facing each other in front, draw a meandering river while walking on the spot)</i>
We have jungles and so much more	<i>(pretend to walk through thick forest, one hand at a time pushing branches aside)</i>
So... (Repeat Chorus) So...	<i>(stand still, arms by the side)</i>

Verse 3

If we have a tail or a feather	<i>(body faces left, right hand behind bottom swishing like a tail; lift up left arm, pretend to flap a wing)</i>
We must all live together	<i>(left arm outstretched palm facing up, then right arm outstretched; arms form a roof over head)</i>
To protect the nature in our city	<i>(fold arms across chest and sway)</i>
And keep Singapore... Oh so pretty	<i>(hands raised, fingertips joined and spin around)</i>
(Repeat Chorus)	<i>(hands on face, holding chin)</i>