**VICTORIAN CHALLENGE AND ENRICHMENT SERIES**

**So you want to be an Entomologist**?

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**Insectivores 101 – Did you know that insects are the superfood of the future?**

**Date:** February 29th 2024

**Suitability:** Year 5-6 high ability students

**Delivery mode:** Video Conference

**Available times:**

* 10 am – 12 pm
* 1 pm – 3 pm

**Note:** Two identical sessions are run on the day. Select either the morning or afternoon session..

**Morning program details:**

**10 – 10.45 am**: Presentation by Shasta Henry with Q & A session

**10.45 – 11 am**: Break time

**11 am – 12 pm:** Interactive hands-on session

**Afternoon program details:**

**1 – 1.45 pm**: Presentation by Shasta Henry with Q & A session

**1.45 – 2pm:** Breaktime

**2 pm – 3 pm:** Interactive hands-on session

**Materials:** Students will receive materials closer to the event.

[**Book here**](https://learnonline.ecolinc.vic.edu.au/courses/insectivores-101/)

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Shasta Henry is an entomologist and PhD candidate at the University of Tasmania...

*“I am an entomologist – I study insects. Insects are the most abundant and diverse animals on the planet! Therefore they live in almost every environment and are involved in almost every ecosystem; and I find that diversity fascinating.*

*Because there are so many insects there are many ways to study them. I have worked on cotton farms, collecting caterpillar eggs* *and testing how pesticides work. I have worked on a team discovering new species of beetles from the Amazonian Rainforest. Insects are used in forensics to help solve crimes, to inspire drones and technology, to help fight invasive species and to produce more food* for *us.*

*At the University of Tasmania I study how our native insects are being impacted by climate change. When a fire burns the Wilderness World* *Heritage Area, which insects survive and which ones disappear – and how long for?”*

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