

## Self-Assessment Checklist

This checklist will help you assess how successful your Council has already been in conserving biodiversity, and what it needs to do to better incorporate biodiversity conservation into normal Council operations.

Yes

Working Towards

No

1. Has your Council committed to conserving biodiversity in your local area?

Yes - Go to [Benchmark 1](#)

Working Towards - Go to [Local Government and Biodiversity](#)

No - Go to [About Biodiversity](#)

2. Has Council generated a resolution to prioritise biodiversity conservation?

3. Is this commitment recognised through dedication of resources to on-ground changes.

Yes – Go to [Benchmark 2](#)

4. Has your Council identified the biodiversity values in its Local Government Area?

Yes – Go to [Benchmark 3](#)

5. Has your Council developed a Local Biodiversity Action Plan or Strategy?

6. Have biodiversity conservation measures been included in local planning schemes, policies or by-laws?

7. Has the development assessment process been adapted to include biodiversity conservation?
  
8. Does Council provide incentives for biodiversity conservation on private land?
  
9. Has your Council engaged the local community to make positive change towards biodiversity conservation on private land?  
Yes – Go to [Benchmark 4](#)
  
10. Has your Council adopted best management practice in operations to conserve biodiversity? (i.e., reduced chemical usage on public land, established a roadside vegetation management strategy, etc).
  
11. Do on-ground changes indicate positive achievements in accordance with your Biodiversity Action Plan/ Strategy?  
Yes – Go to [Benchmark 5](#)