



Welcome Little Scrubfowl



Teachers' notes

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Sandra Kendell is a visual artist who lives in the Northern Territory. She is the author and illustrator of Quoll and The Bushwalk. She also illustrated Surprise for Dingo. Last year the ACT government presented her picture book The Bushwalk, to Princess Mary of Denmark as a gift for her children. Sandra's books often introduce readers to lesser-known Australian native animals and the dangers or challenges they may face.

A note from the author:

Orange-footed Scrubfowl are a bird found in almost everyone's backyard in the top end, they are an endearing and charismatic bird but prone to playing havoc peoples gardens!

The story has a couple of themes, it's about urban wildlife but the bird is unfamiliar to most people except those living in the tropics so for the southern reader there is that element of the exotic.

The story also plays with the idea of being without parents. The little Scrubfowl has to make its own way in the world.

Before reading

Have you heard about Scrub fowl before?

What do you know about Scrub Fowl?

After reading

What do you know about Scrub Fowl now that you didn't know?

What are some other things that you may like to find out about Scrubfowl?

This book is set in the Northern territory

What do you know about the Northern Territory?

How does it differ from where you live?

Scrubfowl grow up completely independent of their parents. Do you know any other animals that do this?

Imagine what it would be like to grow up without parents.

The illustrator has used two different styles of illustrations in this book. Can you see why she might have done that?

