10 THINGS TO DO to be a young Marine Scientist

1. Explore rocky beach shores
Explore and discover the many different creatures of the rock pools during low tide. Count how many different animals you can find.

2. Crabby Business
Visit some mangroves and look for crab houses - little round crab holes in the ground. Photograph or film them running, claw-fighting and having a dinner party.

3. Mangrove Watch Citizen Science
Join a Citizen Science Mangrove watch program to monitor species. We have one every first Sat of the month, 10am Gold Coast. Check our Facebook for more info.

4. Turn Beach Rubbish into Art
Protect the marine animals and the birds by collecting rubbish off the beach. With string or glue or nails and a hammer you can turn the rubbish into wonderful artwork!

5. Fish Friendly Fishing
Go to some rocky shores or a mangrove during high tide and try to find some fish. Keep a sketchbook in which you draw the fish and name them.

6. Dune Research
Participate in dune research! Measure the dunes and help identify plants and animals. The location and time is the same as in #8.

7. Beach Care
Help clean up the beach, weed and plant new dune plants. We can do it together on the Gold Coast on Saturdays if you email beachcare@griffith.edu.au for locations.

8. Start a sand collection
Go to as many different beaches as you can and collect a little jar from every beach. Label them, compare your samples under a microscope.

9. Treasure Hunting on the Beach
Collect the prettiest sea shells and other gems of nature of the beach. You can make jewellery or artwork out of them, or just decorate your windowsill with them.

10. Bird Watching
Go to the library and borrow a bird field guide. Go to a natural location and try to find and identify as many different birds as you can. You can keep a list with your discoveries, drawings of them and write down what they are doing (That's called ethologic research). It might help to have binoculars.

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