

# We're Going on a Nurdle Hunt

We're going on a nurdle hunt, A Rocha family, and we'd love YOU to join us!

Nurdles are a type of microplastic that have started showing up on our beaches. Researchers, with the help of individuals like yourself, have started recording them to better understand the state of plastics in our oceans.

On the 15th of September, we will be joining this global nurdle hunt! Australia has a lot of coastline which means there are a lot of beaches to hunt for nurdles. We need your help! Would you be willing to spend 15 minutes at your local beach looking for nurdles? It's dead easy and no specialised knowledge is needed. All you need is a good eye and a jar to keep any nurdles you find.

Send in your results to The Great Nurdle Hunt website. If you put in one of the text boxes that you are with A Rocha that helps them to see the contributions we are making. (And send your results to us too at [azradkovic@gmail.com](mailto:azradkovic@gmail.com)! We'll start putting together an A Rocha Australia nurdle database!)

More details to come, but so far we have nurdle hunts planned at:

**Point Cook, VIC.** Contact Anna: [azradkovic@gmail.com](mailto:azradkovic@gmail.com)

**Red Head Beach (near Newcastle), NSW.** Contact Stu: [stuart.blanch4@gmail.com](mailto:stuart.blanch4@gmail.com)

**Wollongong, NSW.** Contact Joe: [Joedavidr@gmail.com](mailto:Joedavidr@gmail.com)

**Adelaide, SA.** TBA

**Brisbane (QLD).** TBA. Note: this hunt will probably be on the 22<sup>nd</sup>



If YOU would like to go on a nurdle hunt, please join us at one of the hunts listed above. Can't make it to any of those spots? Go on your own nurdle hunt! Go solo or take some friends! Explore one beach or explore a dozen! The more beaches we can explore the more we learn about nurdles and the closer we get towards reducing plastic in our oceans. Plus, who doesn't love a day at the beach! Enjoy a day of sea and sand, knowing that your contribution to nurdle research is so, SO valuable. Let us know where you're going and we'll add you to the map!

Busy the 15th of September? That's ok! Pick another day to go for a nurdle hunt - there is never a bad time to hunt for nurdles!

If you want to know more about nurdles there's a heap of great stuff in the A Rocha microplastics toolbox: <http://www.arochoa.org/en/work/scientific-research/marine-coastal/microplastics-toolbox/>

And at the Nurdle Hunt website: <https://www.nurdlehunt.org.uk/>

Need more info? Shoot us a message or email us at [azradkovic@gmail.com](mailto:azradkovic@gmail.com) and we will answer any and all nurdle-hunt related questions.