

The Alpine Environment



The Alpine Environment is a special place with unique

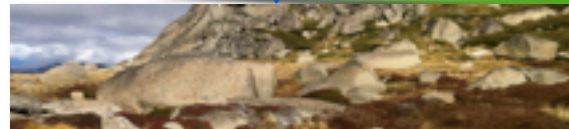
- * geohistory
- * rock formations
- * soil types
- * plants and plant groups and
- * animals.



The Snowy Mountains were formed between 400 and 450 million years ago when granite from deep within the earth forced its way to the surface. The granite was gradually weathered and carved by ice and snow to result in the present landscape with good soils that support a range of vegetation. The **Kosciuszko Alpine Flora** is amongst the most diverse alpine flora on the planet due to the age of the rocks and depth of the soil. Living amongst the rocks and vegetation are a range of species including the critically endangered **Mountain Pygmy Possum**.



Mountain Pygmy Possum -
Lives in Rocky Habitats &
Eats the Berries of
Podocarpus Pine



It's easy to have fun and 'leave no trace' on the natural world!



WHAT CAN I DO?

TO KEEP
OUR WORLD
CLEAN



You can do plenty by just being aware!
Limit the rubbish you take into the alpine area and take out all your own rubbish!
Use alcohol wash and keep all chemicals away from streams, rivers and lakes!



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THIS WORLD IS FOR ALL OF US -

for all the people, the plants and animals. By learning about the environment and the 'niche habitats' of different insects, reptiles, birds and mammals we also learn how to protect their

living places. This is why we have 'National Parks', UNESCO Biosphere Reserves and World Heritage Areas!



The human brain now holds the key to our future. We have to recall the image of the planet from outer space: a single entity in which air, water & continents are interconnected. That is our home.

David Suzuki, Environmentalist, Scientist & Broadcaster

EDUCATION

Learn about where you are now & what is special about the place you are sharing with other living beings

SUMMER AUTUMN WINTER SPRING

Summer

WILDFLOWERS - INSECTS
POLLINATE

Autumn

COOLER NIGHTS - REPTILES BASK
IN THE SUN

Winter

SNOW - SOME ANIMALS
HIBERNATE

Spring

SNOW MELTS & RIVERS RUN

