

my top 10 things to help the environment

Here's a guide for true green celebrations from the latest book *True Green Life* April 2010

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1	Feral rabbits are Australia's greatest environmental pest. Join the Easter Bilby campaign, support the Save the Bilby Fund and replace the Easter bunny with the bilby.			
2	Start a green tradition to mark significant events – plant trees to celebrate, remember and remind.			
3	Vow to have an eco wedding. Go vintage or recycle or alter an existing gown, organise organic catering and use 100 percent recycled stationary.			
4	Think green for your wedding bands – the illegal diamond trade has had a devastating effect in Africa while gold-mining is one of the world's dirtiest industries. A gemstone or antique ring is a kinder alternative.			
5	Choose a florist who supports organic, seasonal and local flowers, or choose imaginative live options. Donate unwanted arrangements to a local church or hospital. Forego wreaths for funerals and suggest donations are made to charity.			
6	Consider the environment when booking your honeymoon – there are many eco-friendly getaways. Many major hotel chains now also have green business practices – check out their credentials.			
7	Find green solutions for your party needs. Look for bioplastics and natural fibreware to avoid disposable plastics and nonrecycled paper. Source birthday candles made of soy or beeswax.			
8	All your party stationary can be made from recycled materials or by you. Better still, send an e-invite.			
9	Introduce your new baby to the world with the right footprint. Throw a baby shower with green themes and make the milestones in your baby's life about friends, family and goodwill rather than gifts and consumerism.			
10	Gifts made by you from recycled materials are extra special. You can also give 'gifts in kind' such as a free night's babysitting, or mowing your elderly neighbour's lawn.			

remember, when you're achieved your top 10, revisit true green and select another 10