

Echidna Bus Analogy

How many of the million of species which we depend on everyday could we actually do with out? Surely we don't need them all?

Well maybe we could do with out one or two soil micro fauna or green ants or maybe pigs, as we could probably eat beef. Probably we could manage without bread so we wouldn't have to grow wheat!

Some estimates say 10,000 species are vanishing each year. The truth is no one really knows.

Imagine we are boarding the Echidna Bus. As you climb in you see a mechanic take off one of the wheel nuts. No problem he says there are still 4. How many wheel nuts would you let him take off before you refuse to get in? That's what bio diversity is all about, conserving the variety of life for future generations .

Who knows what species might come in handy one day! It might be the basis of a medicine that saves your life!



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