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## **Desert Park is full of Cracking Critter fun these Holidays**

The Alice Springs Desert Park will be full of fun these school holidays with a range of exciting cracking critter activities running daily from Friday, 2 April to Sunday, 11 April 2010.

Alice Springs Desert Park Guide Manager Regena Medhurst said that a visit to the Desert Park is a must-do for families these school holidays.

“The Desert Park is hosting an amazing variety of activities over the holiday period that will be sure to keep children entertained,” Ms Medhurst said.

“The Nocturnal House is a popular feature of the Desert Park, and these school holidays will be no exception.

“Each day visitors will have the opportunity to look at the wonderful variety of egg layers in the Nocturnal House at the Desert Park, including insects such as the Toadhopper and Stick Insect, and reptiles such as the Mulga Snake and Thorny Devil.

“A popular mammal to visit during the Easter period is the Bilby, as it is fondly known as Australia’s alternative to the Easter Bunny and is a threatened species.”

### **Daily highlights:**

- 9.00am: Desert Giants – Emus
- 10.00am: Nature Theatre Presentation
- 12.40pm: Story Book Corner in the Nocturnal House
- 1.00pm: Egg Layers – discover how many egg layers are out there
- 2.00pm: Desert Eggs
- 3.30pm Nature Theatre Presentation
- 4.10pm: Desert Giants – Emus

### **Holiday special:**

‘A Bugs Life’ (rated G) will be screening on Wednesday, 7 April at 6pm at the Exhibition Centre. From 5.30pm visitors will have a unique opportunity to get up close to similar bugs and critters that feature in the popular film. Entry is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children aged 5-15 years, and children under 5 years are free. Tickets sold on the night, cash sales only.

For more details about Easter events at the Alice Springs Desert Park call 8951 8788 or go to [www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au](http://www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au).

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**Images: A Praying Mantis and Toadhopper that can be seen at the Desert Park.**

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