**BSCI 40195**

**Distance, Time, and Change: Ecology, Evolution, and History in Australia**

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**Packing List**

Because Australia is large and we will be traveling across much of it, flexibility is the best approach. Two things to keep in mind: 1) packing too much may result in an extra fee to check your bag (the limit is 50 lbs.), and 2) **YOU** are responsible for hauling your stuff during the trip. The following are general recommendations and guidelines to adhere to. This list is subject to change.

During May-June (late fall – early winter in Australia) the temperatures we will experience will vary with location:

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| **Location** | **Maximum Temp – F (C)** | **Minimum Temp - F (C)** |
| **Sydney** | 68 (20) | 52 (11) |
| **Darwin** | 88 (31) | 68 (20) |
| **Cairns** | 79 (26) | 64 (18) |

**Luggage**

* A **large bag** that you will check – **MAKE SURE IT HAS WHEELS!!!**
	+ The **weight limit is 50 lbs**.
* A **carry-on bag** (9 inches x 14 inches x 22 inches) – a smaller suitcase or backpack (which is what I usually use) – wheels are also a good idea.
* A **personal item** (18 x 14 x 8 inches, must be able to fit under the seat in front of you). It can be a smaller backpack that you can use as a day pack during the trip (for water, camera, journal, binoculars, etc.).

**Clothes**

Despite differences in temperature (especially between Sydney and the more equatorial parts we will be visiting), **ALL** areas get abundant amounts of sunshine, so the following are **mandatory**:

* **A hat (wide-brimmed is suggested)**
* **Sunscreen**
* **Sunglasses**

The following is your basic clothing packing list for Australia. Bear in mind we will be able to do laundry.

* 3-4 t-shirts
* 1-2 long-sleeve shirts- keep the sun off or add a layer
* Hoodie or light sweater
* 2-3 pairs long pants (lightweight)
* 2-3 pairs of shorts
* 4-7 pairs of underwear
* 5 Pairs of socks
* Jacket – ideally waterproof and windproof
* Swimwear
* Travel towels- one for daily use and one for the beach (quick-dry microfiber are good)
* 2-3 bandanas (they can be really handy)

**Footwear**

* Hiking boots (wear them to get them broken in)
* Casual shoes (sneakers, etc. - these can be **optional** depending on space/weight)
* Sandals, flip-flops, or Crocs

**Toiletries**

Bring whatever you usually use, but I would suggest getting smaller travel sizes or get refillable bottles and fill them with shampoo/soap and leave the larger bottles at home (to save weight in your checked bag). You can also coordinate with others on the trip and share toiletries.

* If you wear prescription glasses, take a spare pair (if you have them)
* If you use contact lenses, take extra pairs and plenty of solution.
* Australian pharmacists cannot fill foreign prescriptions, so if you take prescription medication, pack enough in your carry-on luggage for the duration of your trip.

**Travel accessories (not mandatory, but they can make your experience better)**

* Travel pillow
* Eye mask (we may get one on the plane but I usually bring my own)
* Ear plugs (flying can be noisy)

**Other stuff:**

* **Laptops/tablets** are **optional** (both Emily and I will have computers in case one is needed). If, however, you would like to work on your course project as we travel, you can bring one with you.
* **Camera** - **Highly Recommended**. Most phones these days can produce fairly high-quality pictures and video, but if you have access to a camera I suggest you bring it. If you bring a camera, make sure you have extra batteries and memory cards.
* **Binoculars** - **Highly Recommended.** If you want to get the most out of our trip from an animal-watching point of view, binoculars are essential. Check out this website: <http://www.audubon.org/gear/binocular-guide> - it has recommendations for binoculars at all price levels. Also, Bushnell and Nikon have good-quality binoculars at fairly low prices.