

# Life in a Rotten Log

The fungi and rotten logs in Lambert Gully are found there because it's damp and dark. That's what fungi and rotting logs need. The tree becoming a rotten log is because the insects eat the wood and the tree weakens and the tree finally falls down, becoming a rotten log.

The rotten log finally decomposes and drops all its nutrients that it has and the log rots into fresh, new soil for plants to grow in.



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Logs break down in a lot of ways. In Lambert Gully where we found the rotting logs, we found a whole new, fascinating, interesting world of how plants and logs grow, and break down which is the plant cycle.

The three main tree types in Lambert Gully are Eucalyptus Globulus, Viminalis and Pulchella.

On the outside, a rotting log just looks simply ordinary. But on the inside, a lot of very interesting stuff is there. We looked in a rotten log at Lambert Gully and saw worm traces, a cocoon and also a millipede. So rotten logs are not ordinary, they are interesting.

