

# BOGONG MOTHS

WITH DEANNE GILSON

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### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Deanne Gilson is a Wadawurrung artist who lives on her Ancestral Country in Ballarat, Victoria. Deanne has painted this picture of an insect called the bogong moth. Every spring when it starts to get warm, Deanne sees the bogong moth fly over her house at night. The moths are on their way to the mountains in Victoria and New South Wales. It's nice and cool there.

### ABOUT BOGONG MOTHS

The name bogong comes from the word bugung. Bugung means 'brown-coloured moth' in the language of the Dhudhuroa people of north-eastern Victoria.

The bogong moth has a body about the size of a peanut. It is full of goodness. First Nations people used to gather the moths in woven baskets or wooden bowls called coolamons. Then they would wrap up the moths in leaves or paperbark and toast them on the fire.



Complete this drawing of a bogong moth with pencils or markers.  
Remember to draw the eyes on the wings.

