

# Ten Little Quolls, All in a Line

This poem is based on the book *Ten Little Fish* by Audrey Woods.

It is designed to highlight the plight of one of our Australian endangered animals — the quoll!

It would make a delightful assembly item, complete with quoll paper plate masks!

Your class could also use this format for writing their own poems about other endangered animals.

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Ten little quolls,  
All in a line,  
We cleared away the bush and grass,  
So then there were nine.

Nine little quolls,  
Ran underneath the gate,  
One ran across the road,  
So then there were eight.

Eight little quolls,  
Stared into the heavens,  
A car drove past, very fast,  
So then there were seven.

Seven little quolls,  
Dug amongst some sticks,  
A cane toad ate up all the bugs,  
So then there were six.

Six little quolls,  
Were happy to be alive,  
A fire burnt the forest,  
So then there were five.

Five little quolls,  
Wanted to eat more,  
But rabbits came and ate the food,  
So now there were four.

Four little quolls,  
Sat beside a tree,  
A woodsman came and chopped it down,  
So then there were three.

Three little quolls,  
Didn't know what to do—  
A wild cat came and chased them down,  
So then there were two.

Two little quolls,  
Hid away from the sun,  
A farmer ploughed the ground to plant,  
And then there was one!

One little quoll,  
Soon there could be none!  
We wanted him to stick around—  
There was work to be done!

We planted lots of trees and plants,  
And kept them all alive,  
Some other quolls came walking past,  
And then there were five!

Five little quolls,  
Lay safely in their den,  
We hunted down the fox and rabbits,  
And then there were ten!

Ten little quolls,  
All in a line,  
We will all look after them,  
And they will be just fine!



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