

# Amazing Australian Animals

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# Koala

Koalas like to eat eucalyptus leaves.

They have very sharp claws which they use to climb trees.

Koalas have large noses which are either pink or black.

Baby koalas are called joeys. Joeys live in a pouch on their mummy's tummy until they are about six months old.

Koalas (sometimes called 'koala bears') are not actually bears. They are actually **marsupials** – the same type of animal as a kangaroo.





# Kangaroo

Kangaroos are also marsupials. Their babies are called joeys. Like koalas, kangaroos carry their babies in their pouches.



Kangaroos are also strong swimmers.

Kangaroos have very powerful legs. They use these legs to hop or walk around. Kangaroos can jump really high.

# Platypus

Platypuses can only be found in Australia. They live in rivers and streams.



They have a duck bill (like a beak), a tail like a beaver and webbed feet.

Platypuses are one of only five mammals that lay eggs.

They come out to feed at night. They eat creatures like insects and worms.



# Wombat

Wombats are marsupials too. They are only found in Australia.

They are nocturnal, which means that they come out at night-time.



Wombats eat grasses, herbs, roots and bark.

Wombats like to dig. They live in large tunnels (burrows) underground. They have powerful claws and large front teeth. They have a backwards-facing pouch so they don't flick dirt on their babies when they are digging!





# Dingo

A dingo is an Australian wild dog.

They don't bark like a dog but howl instead.

Dingoes are related to wolves.

They have excellent hearing and live in groups, called **packs**.

Dingoes are sometimes seen as pests because they attack farm animals.



# Kookaburra

Kookaburras have a loud call that sounds like a human laughing.

They are part of the kingfisher family.



Kookaburras have a long bill (beak) which can grow to 10cm long.

They live in forests and eat insects, small mammals, lizards and snakes.

# Emu

Emus are the second largest bird in the world (the ostrich is the biggest).

Although emus are birds and have wings, they cannot fly.

Emus use their wings to cool themselves down.

They can run really fast (sometimes as fast as a car at 30mph!)

Emus eat grass and insects, such as grasshoppers and beetles.







TASK: Choose an Australian animal (or more) to create.

You can do;

- a large drawing,
- a painting,
- make a 3D animal using recyclable materials or
- create the animal using objects around your house.

Take pictures and send in!



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