

Australian Animals

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Types of Australian Animals



Koalas:

- Koalas can sleep for 22 hours a day!
- Koalas have sharp claws that help them to climb.
- Koalas have a pouch, like a kangaroo.



Kangaroos:

- Kangaroos can jump up to 9 metres in one jump!
- A baby kangaroo is called a 'joey'.
- Joeys live in their mother's pouch until they are old enough to leave.

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Dingoes:

- A dingo is a type of dog.
- Dingoes don't bark, but they do howl.
- Dingoes live in groups called 'packs'.

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Wombats:

- Wombats can run up to 25 miles per hour!
- Wombats have a pouch, like a kangaroo.
- A wombat's poo is cube-shaped!

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Koalas are usually found in trees. They can sleep for up to 22 hours a day! They have very sharp claws which help them to climb trees easily. They have a pouch, like a kangaroo.



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Dingoes are a type of dog, a bit like a wolf.

Some people in Australia think dingoes are pests because they attack farm animals.

Wombats are very similar to koalas - they also have a pouch.

They like to dig a lot, so their pouch is backwards-facing. This stops dirt from flicking onto their babies.



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Kangaroos are found in many places in Australia. There are four types of kangaroo.

A baby kangaroo is called a joey. They stay in their mother's pouch until they are old enough to leave.

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Australia is a large country with lots of interesting natural wildlife. Read on to find out some fascinating facts about some of its more well-known animals.

Where Is Australia?



Types of Australian Animals

Many animals in Australia can't be found anywhere else in the world. There are more than 800 species (types) of birds, 4000 species of fish and 50 species of ocean mammals in Australia.

Koalas

Although many people call them 'koala bears', koalas aren't actually bears. They are a type of animal called a **marsupial** (the same kind of animal as a kangaroo).

Koalas even have a pouch, like a kangaroo!

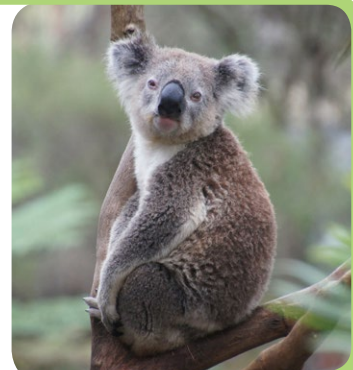


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Dingoes

Dingoes are related to wolves.

Some people in Australia think dingoes are pests because they attack farm animals. In 1855, a fence was built to keep dingoes out of the south-east of the country. At over 3000 miles long, it is the longest fence in the world!

Wombats

Wombats are also a type of marsupial, like koalas.

They have a pouch but it is backwards-facing. This is because wombats spend a lot of their time digging and it stops them flicking dirt on their babies!



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Kangaroos

Kangaroos are the largest marsupial.

They can be very dangerous because of their powerful back legs and their claws.

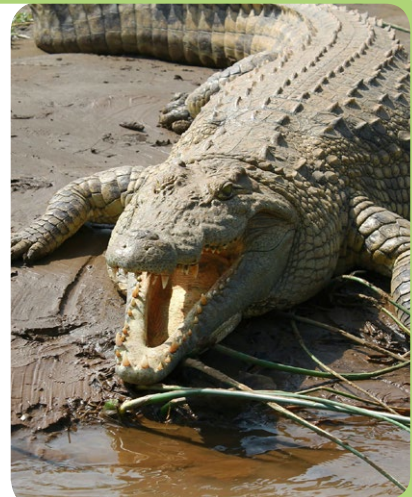
Baby kangaroos are called **joeys**. Joeys will often jump head-first into their mother's pouch when they are scared!

Crocodiles

Both freshwater and saltwater crocodiles can be found in Australia.

Saltwater crocodiles are the biggest crocodiles in the world. Males can grow as big as five metres long!

They have the strongest bite of any animal in the world.



Endangered Species

Australia has many endangered species, with 86 types of animal being **critically endangered**. This means they are at risk of becoming **extinct** (when there are no more left in the world). It is important that they are protected so we can make sure they don't disappear from the world altogether.