

Australia



AUSTRALIA

Australia is **the world's largest island** and its smallest and flattest continent. *Australia* is the only continent **without an active volcano**.

It is the sixth largest country by total area. It is the only country which is also a whole continent. However, the population is relatively small. The people of Australia are called **Australians**.



Canberra

- Population -323,056 (8th)
- Area -805 sq. km
- **Canberra** is the capital city of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- The city is located at the northern end of the Australian Capital Territory. As the seat of the government of Australia, Canberra is the site of **Parliament House**, the **High Court of Australia** and numerous government departments and agencies.
- It is also the location of many social and cultural institutions of national significance, such as **the National Gallery of Australia** and **the National Museum of Australia**.





The flag of Australia: the red, white and blue Union Jack in the upper left quarter, indicating Australia's membership in the Commonwealth, the white five-star Southern Cross in the right half; and the white seven-pointed federal star above the Union Jack. The kangaroo and emu can be seen on Australia's coat of arms. The national anthem of Australia is «Advance Australia Fair»



Geography and climate

Australia is on the other side of the world. In Australia hot winds blow from the North and cold winds blow from the South.

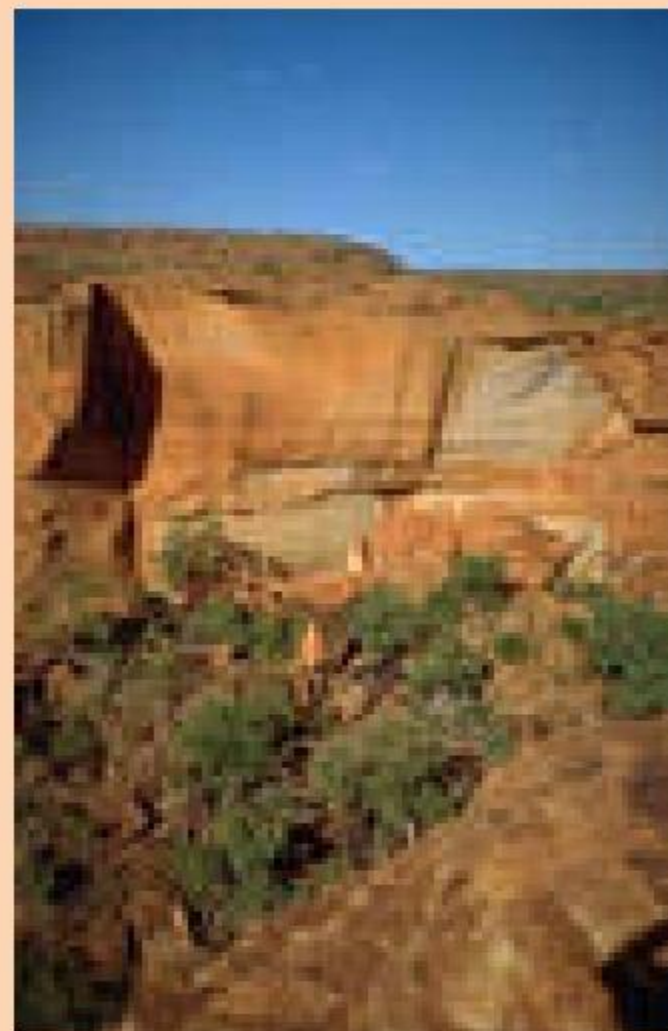
There are different climatic regions here. The climate ranges from tropical in the north to cool in the south-east.

There are such weather hardships as droughts, floods and cyclones. The continent suffers from the lack of fresh water. There is not much rain in many parts of the country and they are very dry.

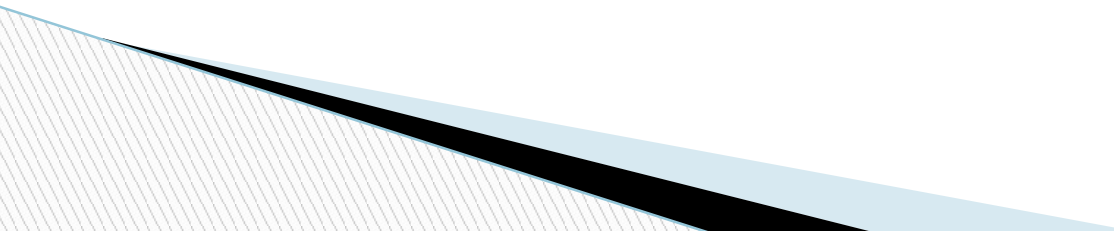


The Relief

Two-thirds of Australia, mostly in the centre and the west, is a desert.



The unique fauna

- There are many species of wildlife in Australia.
 - The marsupials are the most popular group of mammals in Australia. It includes kangaroos, koalas, wombats and lots of others.
 - Among other interesting animals of Australia I can mention dingoes, which are the wild dogs.
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SEA TURTLE



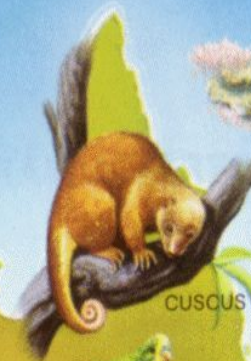
CROCODILE



DINGO



WATER BUFFALO



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SEA STAR



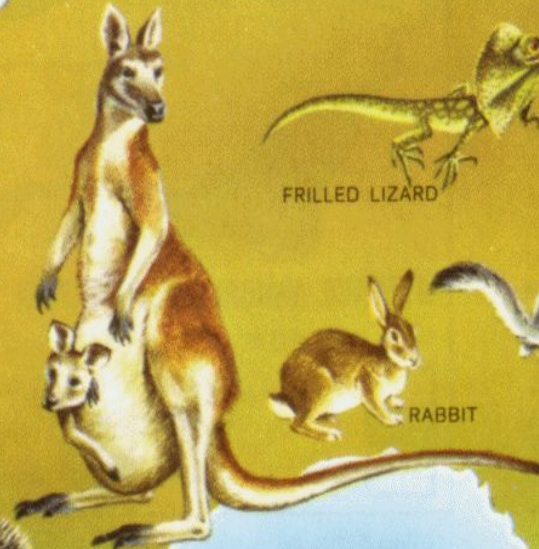
EMU



FRILLED LIZARD



REGENT BOWERBIRD



KANGAROO



RABBIT



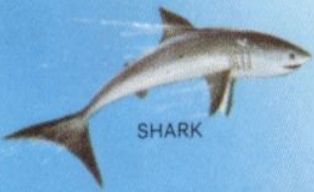
FLYING SQUIRREL



KOALA BEAR



COCKATOO



SHARK



SPINY ANTEATER



LYREBIRD



KOOKABURRA



PLATYPUS



MARLIN

WILDLIFE of AUSTRALIA



FAIRY PENGUIN



TASMANIAN DEVIL



What Australian animals are popular among tourists?



kangaroo



dingo



cockatoo



koala



lyrebird



kookaburra



duckbill



emu



brumby

kangaroos

Kangaroos live in Australia.

Kangaroos can't walk and run, but they can jump very fast - 30 km



Baby kangaroos are very small - only 3 centimetres long. They can see when they are 9 weeks old and they can jump when they are 8 months old.



Koala



- The koala is one of the best known and most loved animals in Australia. Koalas live in lightly wooded areas containing suitable food.



AUSTRALIAN DINGO



The Dingo is Australia's wild dog.

Dingoes are an introduced species - opinions on when the Dingo came to Australia vary greatly, and range from 15,000 to 2,000 years ago. Dingoes are found on the mainland of Australia but about a third of all wild Dingoes in the south east of the continent are

Dingo/domestic dog crosses. The Dingo normally weighs between 10kg and 24kg, they stand between 44cm and 63cm high to the shoulder.

Australian flora

- In the south east of Australia there are tropical forests of eucalyptus trees which never lose their leaves, even in winter.
- Some plants can not be found in other parts of the world.



Eucalyptus



Jacarandas



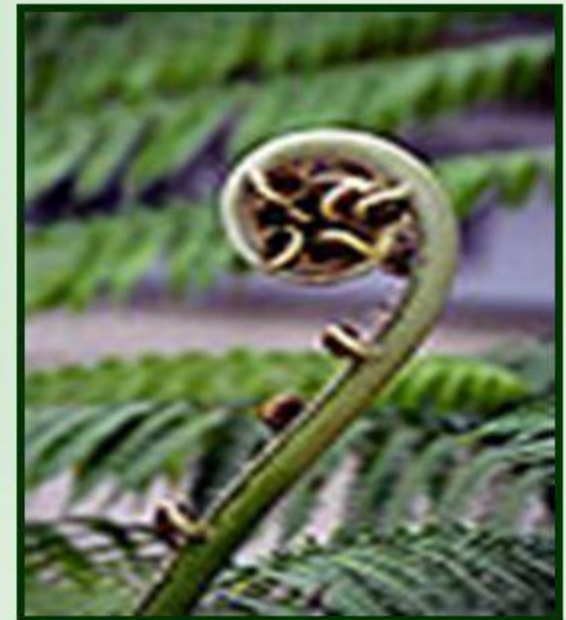
Rainforests



Grass Tree



Ivory Cane Palm



Fern



What Do You Know about Australia?



- What is the capital of Australia?
a. Sydney b. Melbourne c. Canberra
- Which city is the oldest and largest?
a. Canberra b. Sydney c. Darwin
- Which is a popular Australian animal?
a. bear b. kangaroo c. fox
- Who are the Australian natives
a. Eskimos b. Aborigines c. Indians
- Who discovered Australia?
a. Columbus b. Captain Cook c. Lewis and Clark
- What is the official Language in Australia?
a. English b. German c. Spain

