

# *Animals*

# Australian





# Koala

**Koalas live in Australia.**



**Koalas are small animals.  
They have small yellow eyes,  
a round black nose and big ears.**

**Koalas eat only plants.  
Koalas are made for climbing.  
They can climb well.**



# KANGAROO



*A hundred species of the kangaroo family live in the open places of Australia. They eat grass and the leaves of small trees.*

*The kangaroo's body is specially built for jumping. This kind of animals has become endangered because of destruction of their habitat. There are special wild - life parks to protect them.*





# INGO

**The dingo is an animal which looks like the domestic dog.**

**It lives in Australia and hunts kangaroos, rabbits, land birds and echidnas.**

**It also runs down and kills sheep and cattle.**

**Like wolves, these animals**




# POSSUM




**P**ossums live in Central and South Australia. They eat insects, berries, fruit, and dog food. Wild possums do not live very long. People kill possums as food.

# Echidna



Very few animals bother echidnas because of the spikes on their bodies. The long-nosed echidna, however, is an endangered species. It is hunted for food, and parts of its habitat have been cleared to create farmland.



The echidna is one of the unusual Australian animals. Echidnas usually live in forests. The short-nosed echidna is found in Australia and on the nearby islands of Tasmania and New Guinea.

In some parts of the world there are parks where echidnas may live in safety.

# Platypos

*What a funny animal!*

**It has a “bill” like a duck's,  
webbed feet, and a flat tail**

- like a beaver's!**
- lives in Australia and Tasmania;**
- eats insects, worms, crustaceans,  
mollusks, and tadpoles;**
- born from eggs;**



- lives for  
10-15 years;**
- killed by  
big fish,  
snakes  
and people  
(for their  
fur);**
- now  
protected**

# Ostrich



**PEOPLE KILL OSTRICHES  
FOR THEIR PLUMAGE.**

**OSTRICHES LIVE IN AUSTRALIA.**



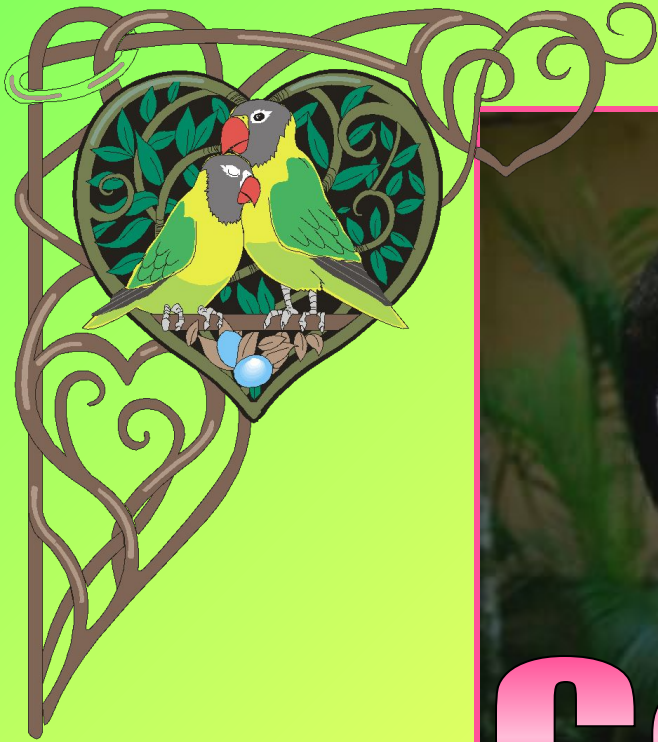
**MALE OSTRICHES ARE  
MOSTLY BLACK,  
BUT THEY HAVE WHITE  
FEATHERS ON THE  
WINGS AND TAIL.  
THE FEMALES ARE  
USUALLY BROWN.**



**OSTRICHES EAT PLANTS AND INSECTS.**

**AN OSTRICH EGG IS THE LARGEST EGG IN THE  
WORLD. IT WEIGHS ABOUT 1.4 KILOGRAMS.**





# Cokattoo



*Most cockatoos are white and all have a crest.  
They make their nests in the hollows of trees.  
They usually eat seeds and fruits, but many species also eat insects.  
The destruction of their native habitats and the illegal collection  
of certain members of the parrot family have left  
about 30 species threatened with extinction.*

