



UNUSUAL ANIMALS

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There are Australian animals.





Platypus

The length of a body of a platypus is 30-40 cm, a tail is 10—15 cm, its weight is 2 kg.

There are fat stocks in tail of platypus. It has dense, soft fur. Usually it has brown fur on the back and grey fur on a belly.

Young platypuses have 8 teeth.

Platypus — one of few poisonous mammals possessing a toxic saliva.

Platypus' eggs are round and small (11 mm)



Echidna

Echidnas are covered by rough wool and needles. The maximum length of their body is 30 cm.

Echidnas' extremities are short and strong. Echidna has big claws. So, they can well dig. Echidnas don't have teeth, their mouth is very small.

Echidna puts one egg with a soft shell and places it in the bag.



Dingo

Dingo is unique placental predator in native fauna of Australia.

The length of their body is 86-122 cm, length of a tail is 26—38 cm, weight is 9,60—19 kg.

The dingos' fur is short and dense, typical colour is red or brown. Colour is more light on a belly.



Emu

Its height is about 2 m, weight is 50 kg. Emu can run with a speed of 50 km/h.

Emus like to swim. They are very good in swimming. It is strange, because of their size.

Emus eat only vegetative forage.

The Australian farmers think that emus spoil crops, trample down the pastures taken away for sheep. So, these birds are exterminated by thousands. Meat of emus is really tasty.



Kangaroo

The kangaroo has a bag for cubs, it opens forward to a head, like an apron pocket.

Kangaroo has powerful hind legs, a massive tail, narrow shoulders, small forepaws, which kangaroos dig out tubers and roots. The kangaroo transfers all weight of a body on a tail and then both hind legs, having released, one movement from top to down put terrible wounds to the opponent. Making a start powerful hind legs, they rush jumps to 12 m at length and to 3 m in height. The weight of a body is 80 kg.

