

Let's Visit Australia

Today we will be:

Investigating Australia's unusual animals.



**Do you know any
animals found in
Australia? Are they
different to the
animals where you
live?**



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Australia has some very unusual animals that are not found anywhere else in the world. People in Australia look after these special animals to make sure they continue to live there. Many of the animals are protected.

Did you know that some people work as wildlife rescuers. This means they look after animals that are hurt or sick.



Did you know that Australia has around:

300 lizard species



4000 fish species



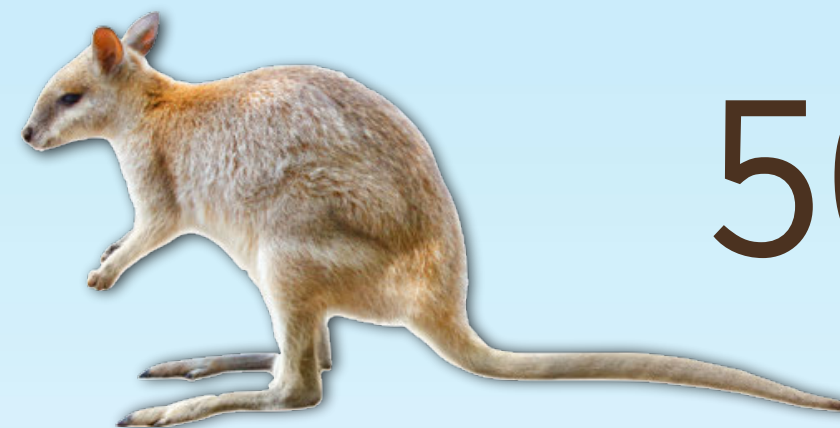
140 snake species



2 crocodile species



378 mammal species



50 types of marine
(water) animals

828 bird species



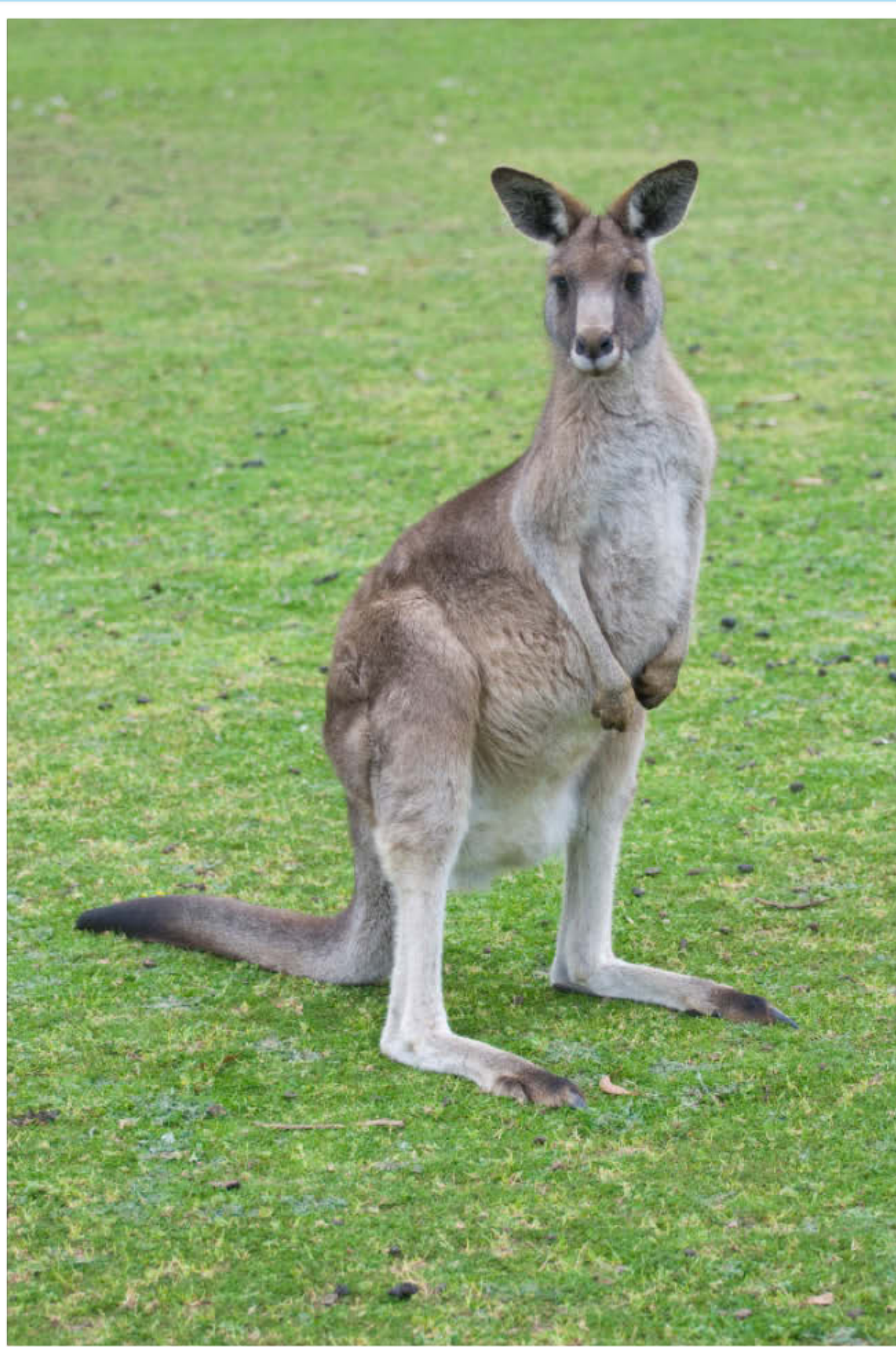
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**Let's take a closer
look at some of the
unusual animals
found in Australia.**

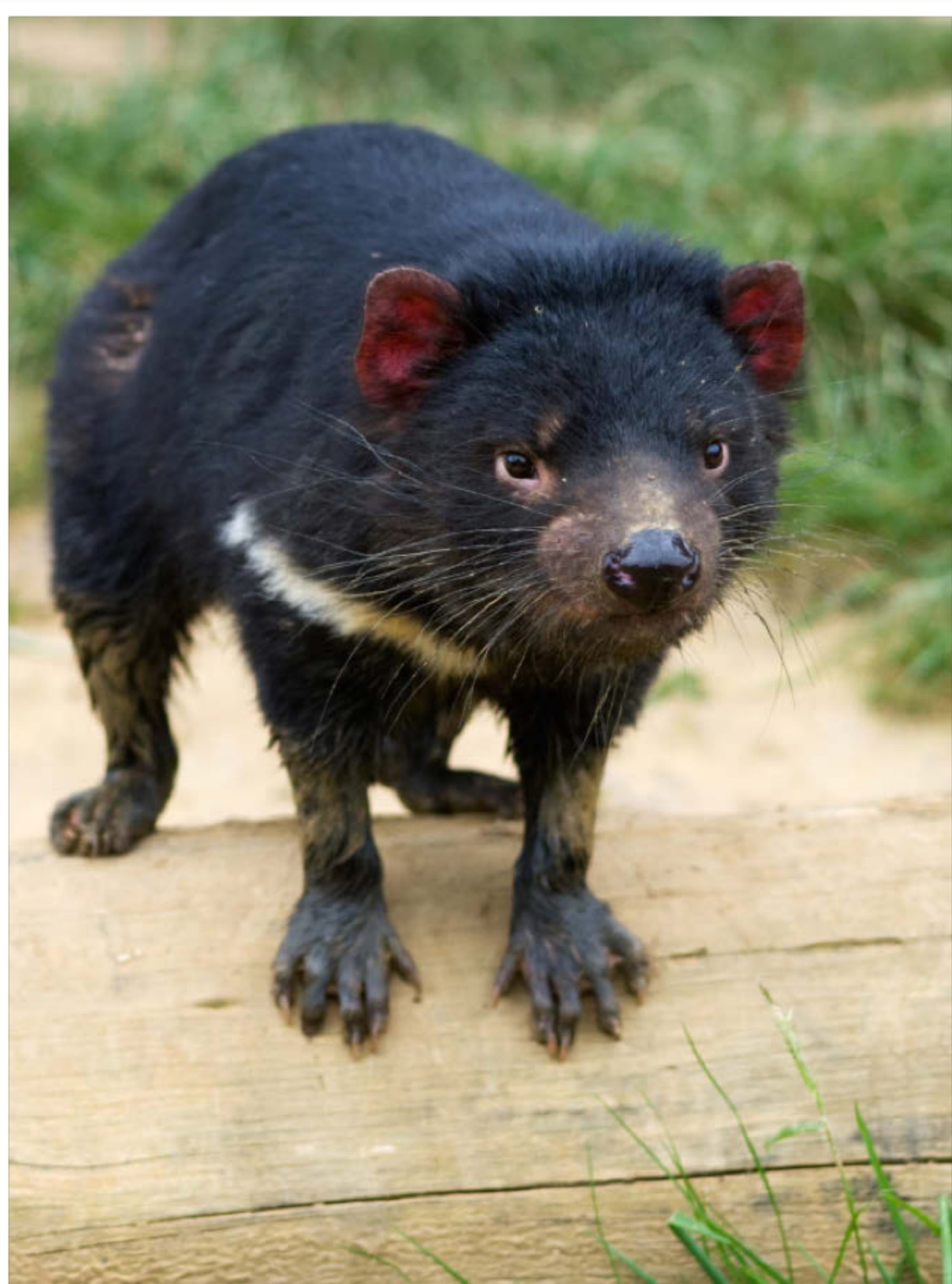




This is a **kangaroo**!
It eats shrubs and grass.
It usually rests during
the day when it is hot
and finds food at night
when it is cooler.

**What does
the kangaroo
look like?**





This is a **Tasmanian devil**!
The Tasmanian devil is only
found in the island state
Tasmania. It eats small
mammals and will sometimes
attack a kangaroo.

What does the
Tasmanian
devil look like?





This is a **koala**!

The koala eats Eucalyptus leaves from a Eucalyptus tree found in Australia.

They don't get a lot of energy from their food so sleep 20 hours a day.

What does
the koala look
like?





This is a **wombat**!

Wombats eat grass, small shrubs and roots from trees.

They dig deep burrows to live in and usually come out to eat at night time.

**What does
the wombat
look like?**



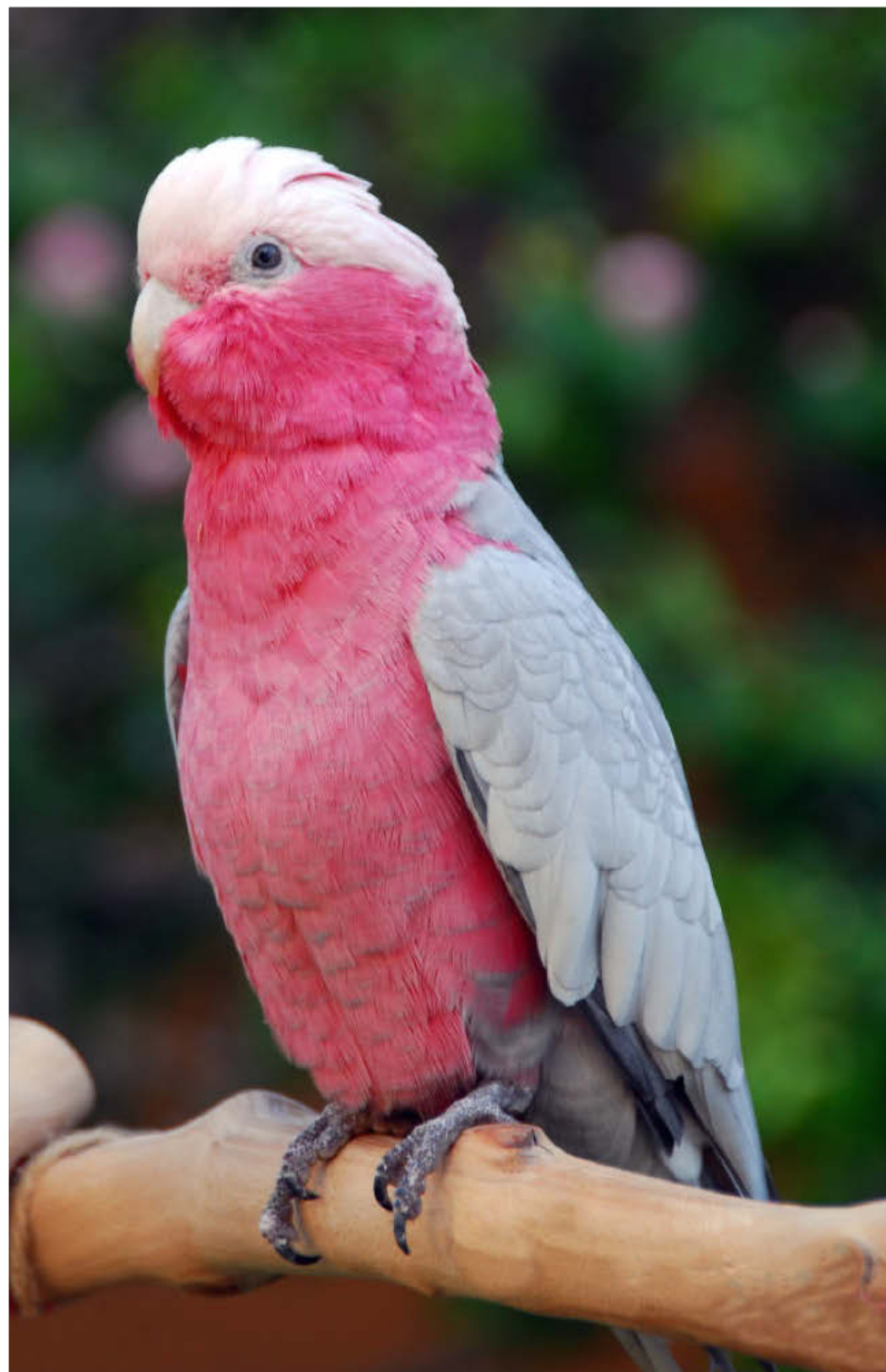


These are **numbats**!
Numbats are anteaters and they also eat a type of bug called a termite. There are not many numbats left in Australia.

What does the numbat look like?



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This is a **galah**!

Galaha are a type of cockatoo. They eat seeds and fruits that have fallen onto grassy areas. Galaha can sometimes live for 80 years.

What does the
galah look
like?





This is an **emu**!

Emus are large birds that cannot fly. They eat a range of plants and insects. Emus can walk for long periods and sprint very fast when being chased.

What does
the emu look
like?



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This is an **echidna**!
Echidnas have no teeth and
they eat ants and termites.
They live in caves and under
rocks and can actually swim
in the water.

**What does
the echidna
look like?**



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**Wow! What
interesting animals.
Did you know any
of these animals
before today?**



**Did you know
Australia is home
to some of the most
deadly creatures in
the world.**



These four creatures are extremely dangerous and can kill a human with one bite or sting.
They are found on Australia's land and in nearby oceans.



**blue-ringed
octopus**



tiger snake



**salt water
crocodile**



inland taipan

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Plenary

Which animal do
you think is the
most unusual?
Why do you
think this?

**Share your
reasons with
a partner.**

