Kangaroo

Kangaroos are mammals and marsupials that are found in Australia including Tasmania. They are also found in New Guinea.

The kangaroo has large, powerful hind legs, large feet, a long muscly tail for balance, and a small head. Male kangaroos can be seen boxing when competing for the attention of a female.



Kangaroos are social animals that live in groups called 'mobs'. They are herbivores so they eat plants, leaves and different grasses.

Kangaroos can reach a weight of 90kg, and can hop at speeds of up to 60km/h.

A male kangaroo is known as a boomer, buck, jack, or old man. The female kangaroo is known as the doe, jill, or flyer. A baby kangaroo is known as a joey.

The Red Kangaroo is the largest marsupial in the world. It can leap as far as 8m and 3m high.

Did you know ...?

Kangaroos cannot move backwards, and adult kangaroos can live for months without drinking anything at all.

