

Animals of Australia

The Kangaroo

Kangaroos are marsupial animals that are found in Australia. A different kind of kangaroo called a *tree kangaroo*, lives in New Guinea.

A marsupial carries its baby in a pouch. Baby kangaroos are known as 'joeys'.

Australian kangaroos can be reddish brown or grey. They can hop around quickly on two legs or walk around slowly on all four. They do not climb trees.



Kangaroos can't walk backwards. Kangaroos have very powerful legs and can be dangerous at times. Kangaroos can jump very high, sometimes three times their own height.

Kangaroos can swim.

Most kangaroos eat grass.



Write numbers 1-5 in your book and answer with one word:

1. Kangaroos live in A _____ and New Guinea.
2. A mother kangaroo carries her baby in a p _____.
3. A kangaroo hops on t __ legs.
4. Australian kangaroos cannot climb t _____.
5. Kangaroos eat g _____.
6. Now draw a picture of an Australian kangaroo. Choose either grey or reddish brown.