

Australian Animals

In Australia there are a lot of species of animals: mammals, reptiles, lizards, fish, insects and amphibians. They are unique in the world and that is why there are many visitors in the country every year.

An example of a typical Australian animal is the kangaroo, which is so well known that it is considered as one of the main symbols of the Nation. It is a marsupial, a kind of mammal that carries its puppies in a pouch. Another famous marsupial is the koala.



Australia has more than 800 species of birds, and each region of the country has its personal species. One of the best known birds is the emu, the largest bird of Australia; it does not usually live in very populated areas and arid areas. It can run for long distances and it is very fast: he can reach a speed of 50 km/h!



The country has more than 5000 species of fish, in fact fishing is one of the main and most productive business of the nation. Sharks are very present in that area, in fact they live in every coastal water of the isle; there are about 166 different species of sharks, including the most famous ones: the tiger shark and the great white shark. They are very dangerous: there area lot of shark attacks every year and in some of them some people die.



Australia is full of reptiles: there is the biggest number of snakes than other continents and they are also the deadliest ones. The brown snake is the most dangerous one: it is very fast and aggressive, and can kill its victims in few minutes.



Many Australian animals are sometimes difficult to see in their natural habitat. Fortunately, there are a lot of zoos and specialized parks where people can see them and, sometimes, even touch them!