

Information on Australian Animals



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Enviro-Stories Education Program

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for Primary Schools that was developed by Peekdesigns.

www.envirostories.com.au



This program provides an education experience for kids through learning about the environment. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

In 2011, the Central West Catchment Management Authority, in partnership with the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

Central West Catchment Management Authority

The Central West Catchment is committed to work with the community to conserve, improve and manage natural and cultural resources. The catchment is located in central western New South Wales, flanked by the Barwon and Darling Catchments to the north and west, Lachlan to the south and the Sydney/Shoalhaven Basin to the east.

www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

Cotton Catchment Communities CRC

The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC is an industry partnership leading research, education and commercialisation in the Australian cotton industry. The Cotton CRC aims to provide innovative knowledge to stimulate economic, social and environmental outcomes at farm, regional and national levels.

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- Information on Australian Animals
- Gordon the Gum Tree
- Home Sweet Home
- Billie the Ghost Bat
- Out of Control
- Larry the Kingfisher
- Pilliga Scrubs Dark November
- The Dilemma
- The Monster in the Garden
- Noises in the Night
- Pigs in the Dam
- Where am I?
- The Little Village

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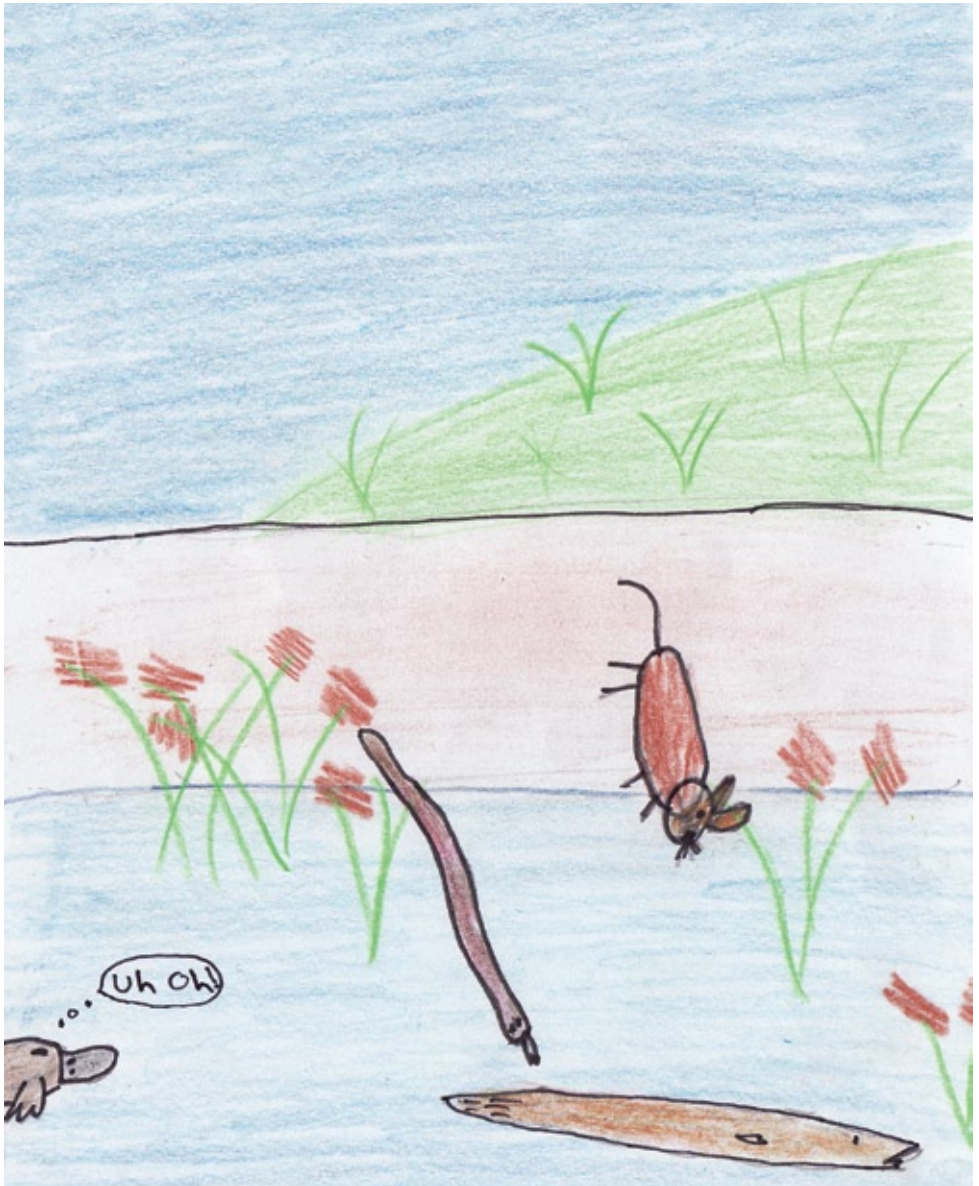
Koalas are furry, grey, sleepy marsupials which live in trees and eat eucalyptus leaves.

Threats to koalas are diseases, feral dogs, traffic and loss of habitat.



Platypus are furry, grey and brown monotremes which have big webbed feet and duck-like bills. Platypus live in and around rivers where they eat worms, insect larvae and yabbies.





Threats to platypus are snakes, water rats, eels, goannas, hawks, owls, feral cats, foxes, pollution and loss of habitat.

Echidnas are prickly monotremes which have long, brown spikes with yellow tips. They live on the ground and have long noses to eat ants.



Threats to echidnas are snakes, foxes, goannas and loss of habitat.





Kangaroos are large, grey-brown marsupials which have powerful back legs, small front legs and big strong tails. They use their tail when hopping across the ground.



Threats to kangaroos are dingoes, feral dogs, feral cats and loss of habitat.



Kookaburras are dirty white, brown and sometimes blue birds. They are a type of kingfisher and are known for their haunting laughs.

Threats to kookaburras are wedge-tailed eagles, owls, goshawks, snakes and loss of habitat.





The Australian bush has lots of wonderful and interesting native animals.

Unfortunately, we humans are their biggest threat because we destroy, encroach and change the habitats where they live.









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