



Kangaroo (*Macropus rufus*)

The Kangaroo is a common Marsupial from the islands of Australia and New Guinea. Marsupials are animals with pouch. They carry their babies in a pouch in the mother's abdomen.

Kangaroos have two strong legs with two long feet. They have a muscular long tail, large ears and a small head. They have short arms with clawed hands. The soft, woolly fur can be blue, grey, red, black, yellow or brown.

These herbivores (plant-eaters) eat grass, leaves, and roots. They swallow their food without chewing it. Kangaroos need little water; they can go for months without drinking, and they dig their own water wells.

These shy animals live about 6 years in the wild and up to 20 in captivity. Most kangaroos are nocturnal (active at night). Kangaroos can hop up to 74 kilometers per hour and go over 9 meters in one hop.

General Classification

Description