

Kangaroos are the symbol of Australia. They appear on Australian postage stamps, coins, and even on Australian planes.



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Usually, kangaroos have one young annually. Females have a pouch in which babies live and drink milk for 8 months.

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There are over 50 types of kangaroo. They vary enormously in size. The biggest grow to 2 m, the smallest are 20 cm high.

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Kangaroos eat leaves, grass, herbs and roots. They need little water and can go for months without drinking.

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Kangaroos travel in groups. The leader dominates younger rivals by kicking, biting and boxing.

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Most kangaroos are active at night. The kangaroo moves by hopping. It uses its tail for balance.

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When European explorers first saw that animal, they asked an Aborigine what it was called. He replied: *Kangaroo*. They thought it was the animal's name, but this word meant: *I don't understand*.