

Australian Animal Facts

On SCOPE's Australian Animals episode, Julia found out just how big... or small... or heavy... or long, some famous Australian animals can be!

Here's how you can do it at home:



What you need:

Tape measure

Ruler

List of animal facts (below)

What to do:

1. Choose an animal from the list.
2. Use whatever you can to represent their measurements!

LIST OF ANIMAL FACTS

Red Kangaroo – the largest of all kangaroos and the world's largest marsupial!

- They can weigh up to around 90kg.
- They can jump a length of 8-9m in one go.
- They can reach speeds of around 60km/hr.

Wedge-Tailed Eagle – the largest bird of prey in Australia!

- They have a wing span of around 2.5m.
- Their nest can be up to 3m deep and 2m wide.

Scrub Python – Australia's largest snake!

- They officially grow to over 5m.
- They have been reported to grow to 8.5m.

Giant Tasmanian Freshwater Crayfish – the largest freshwater crayfish in the world!

- They have been recorded to weigh over 6kg.
- Their carapace (main shell) can grow to around 40cm in length.

Emu – the largest bird native to Australia!

- They can grow up to 2m tall.
- They can weigh up to around 45 kg.
- They can reach speeds of around 50km/hr.

Saltwater Crocodile – the largest living reptile in the world!

- They can grow to around 5m long.
- They can weigh around 500kg.

Little Penguin – the smallest penguin in the world!

- They only grow to around 30-40cm.
- They only weigh around 1kg, but can eat about ½kg of fish in one day.

Blue Whale – the largest animal living on earth! While not exclusively Australian, they migrate through oceans that surround the continent.

- They can grow to over 30m long.
- Baby blue whales are born when they are already 8m long.