



# Aussie Big 5 Facts

Learn all about the Aussie Big 5 that call WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo home!

## Koala

- Koalas have speckled bums to help them camouflage in the treetops
- Koalas sleep for approximately 20 hours per day
- They actually have two thumbs on each paw! Koalas use their two opposable thumbs to help them climb and stay attached to trees
- Koalas eat up to 1kg of Eucalyptus leaves each day



Our joey Kalina turned one earlier this year!

## Kangaroo

- A kangaroo Joey stays in their mum's pouch for around 8 months
- Kangaroo's are the only large animal to use hopping as their primary method of movement
- They are very social animals and often stay in groups of two or three
- Kangaroos are herbivores so their diet consists mostly of different types of grasses

Our kangaroos are Dot and Dusk!

## Wombat

- There are two types of wombats; a common wombat & a hairy-nosed wombat
- Wombats have cartilage bums which they use for protection
- Wombats love to dig underground burrows which can reach 100ft long
- They're actually fast runners, reaching up to 40mph (but only for short distances)

Our Ringo is a Common wombat!





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## Platypus

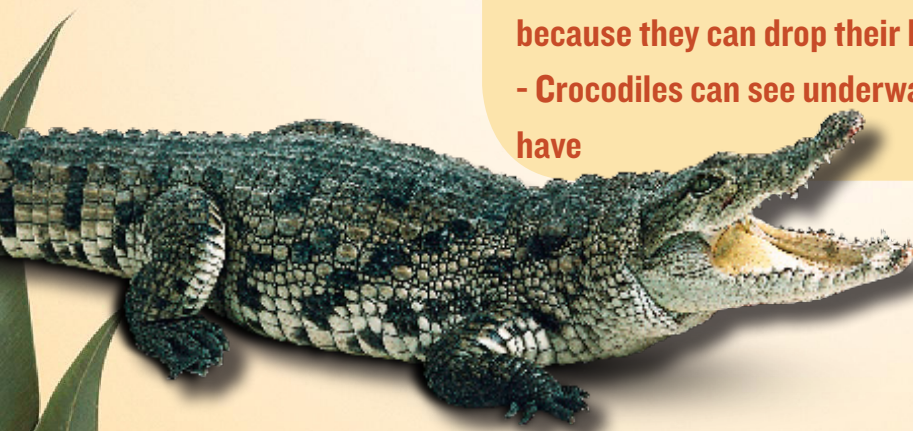
- Platypuses are bottom feeders meaning they scoop up insects, shellfish and worms with their bill
- They are one of only two mammals that lay eggs
- Platypuses are found in Eastern Australia in small water bodies located in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania
- Male platypuses have a spur on their back foot which contains venom that is powerful enough to kill a small animal



Our  
Platypus Pals  
are Jackie  
& Zoe!

## Saltwater Crocodile

- The Saltwater Crocodile is the largest reptile in the world, weighing up to 1200kg and able to grow over 6 metres long
- Crocodiles lay eggs
- They can stay underwater for at least one hour without resurfacing because they can drop their heart rate to 2-3 beats per minutes
- Crocodiles can see underwater due to a special transparent eyelid they have



Our  
resident  
Saltwater  
Crocodile is  
Rocky!

**Now you know all about the Aussie Big 5!**

**What was your favourite animal fact?**