



Amazing Animals Fact sheets

Kangaroos

Kangaroos are the largest marsupial surviving on earth today. They are well known for their style of movement; hopping on their hind legs whilst using their large, muscular tail for balance. Kangaroos use their tail like an extra leg when they are manoeuvring around, or standing still. Kangaroos are one of the only animals that are not able to move backwards easily, and this is why they are used on the Australian national emblem.

Kangaroos graze on plant matter such as grass, heath plants and young shoots and are well adapted for arid environments obtaining most of the water they require from the food they eat. Kangaroos have good eyesight and excellent hearing and they use their large ears to pick up even the slightest sounds. Kangaroos live in social groups, called "mobs".



Black-footed Rock Wallaby

Australia Zoo Black-footed Rock Wallaby profiles

Saffron

Hi! My name is Saffron. I am a cheeky black-footed rock wallaby and I live here at Australia Zoo. I was born here and hand raised by one of my keepers. I still love it when they give me special attention and a scratch on my chest. My friends and I love to go racing through the tower of rock we call home! We are extremely agile and are designed to hop all over very steep terrain with excellent speed and balance, thanks to our very long tails and stout but powerful hind legs.

Come and see me in action! I hang out in Roo Heaven, often near the echidnas, and would love it if you came and said g'day.

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