



RED KANGAROO

Macropus rufus



A common animal throughout most of Australia, the red kangaroo is the largest marsupial in the world. They are also the best jumpers of the mammal world, able to jump over six feet in height and up to 28 feet in distance. They also can hop at speeds of up to 30 miles per hour. Red kangaroos can typically be found in groups of about ten. These groups are called mobs. They are relatively quiet animals, only making soft hissing and clicking noises. Kangaroo babies are born partially developed (hairless and blind) after 30 to 40 days, where they climb up the outside of the mother kangaroo to the pouch. They stay in the pouch for over 200 days before they are able to come out on their own as joeys.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The red kangaroo averages four to five feet in height and can reach over five feet in length.

WEIGHT

The red kangaroo can weigh anywhere between 40 and 200 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The red kangaroo mostly consumes grasses and green vegetation that is rich in water.

HABITAT

The red kangaroo is found primarily in dry grasslands.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The red kangaroo is found throughout most of Australia, excluding the east coast.

FUN FACT

Red Kangaroos can not walk, they must hop everywhere they go.