



# IRWIN FAMILY HELPS ANIMALS





**The Extension Activity includes eight pages of information and six question and answer activities. Also included are links for video viewing. The Extension Activity is intended to enhance News-2-You and Unique Learning System (ULS) content.**

## **Newspaper Overview**

### **Topic: Irwin Family Helps Animals**

- A famous family helps many wild animals. This family is the Irwin family from Australia.
- The Irwin family has a TV show. They own the Australia Zoo too.
- Australia had big wildfires in 2019 and 2020. The wildfires hurt many wild animals.
- The Irwin family wanted to help the animals.

## **ULS Overview**

### **April Target: Economics**

- A famous family helps many wild animals. This family is the Irwin family from Australia.
- The Irwin family has a TV show. They own the Australia Zoo too.
- Australia had big wildfires in 2019 and 2020. The wildfires hurt many wild animals. The zoo was safe.
- The wildfires caused millions of dollars in damage to other businesses.



**The Irwin family helps many wild animals.**

**They helped many animals after the Australian wildfires.**

**Let's learn about some Australian animals!**





## Australia is famous for having unusual wild animals!



Kangaroos

**What do you want to be famous for? Why?**

- These wild animals include the kangaroo and koala, but Australia has other unusual animals too.
- Most of the animals live in the wilderness of Australia.
- The unusual animals of Australia include birds like the kookaburra and cassowary.
- They include other animals like the bilby, dingo and echidna.



## A kookaburra makes a sound like it is laughing!

- A kookaburra is a small gray and brown bird with a long beak.
- Kookaburras live in trees in the forests of Australia.
- A kookaburra uses its strong eyesight and large, powerful beak to hunt for food.
- A kookaburra makes a sound like a person laughing. This sound scares other birds away.



A Kookaburra

**What makes you laugh? Why?**



## A cassowary is a large bird that cannot fly!



A Cassowary

**Would you like to visit a rainforest?  
Why?**

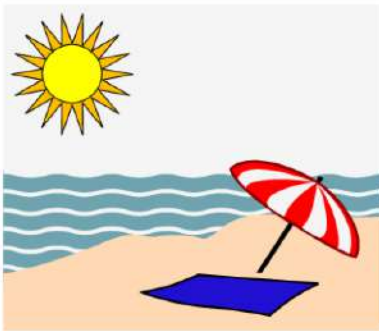
- A cassowary has black feathers on its body. The bird's neck and head are very colorful.
- The cassowary lives in the rainforests of Australia.
- Cassowaries have long legs and sharp claws. If a cassowary is scared, it kicks with its claws.
- They have coverings on their heads that look like helmets.



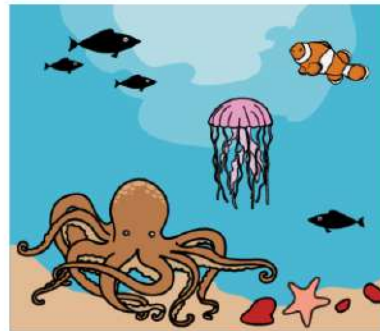
## Where in Australia do most of the animals live?

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beach



ocean



wilderness

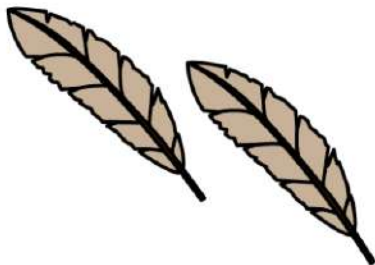




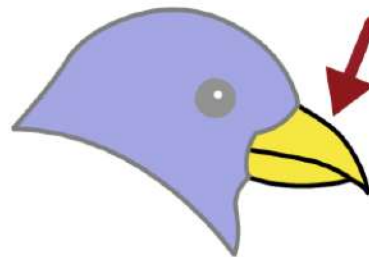
## What does a kookaburra use to hunt?

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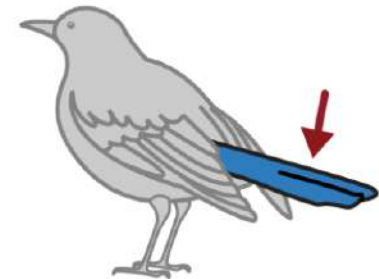
feathers



beak



tail

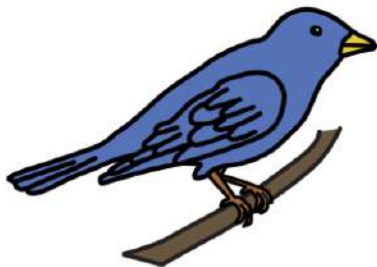




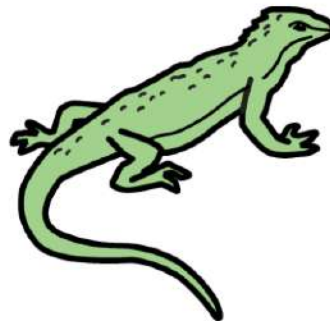


## What is a cassowary?

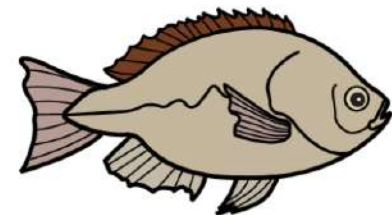
bird



lizard



fish





## A bilby is a small animal that looks like a rabbit!

- A bilby has a long snout. It has blue, gray and white fur and long ears.
- Bilbies live in deserts across Australia.
- They eat parts of plants, such as grass and fruit. They eat small insects and worms, too.
- Bilbies often dig holes and climb into them. This protects bilbies from heat and from other animals.



A Bilby

**What do you like to eat? Why?**



## A dingo is a wild dog that cannot bark!



A Dingo

**Would you want a dingo for a pet?  
Why?**

- A dingo looks like a dog, but it howls like a wolf! It has a longer snout and bigger ears than a dog.
- Dingoes either live alone or in groups in the wilderness.
- They hunt for small animals, such as rodents and lizards. They eat fruit and vegetables too.
- Dingoes can run very fast and can jump very high in the air.



## An echidna has a spiky coat to protect itself!

- An echidna looks like a porcupine or a hedgehog. It has sharp spines all over its body.
- When they are scared, echidnas can roll into small balls to protect themselves.
- Echidnas use their long, sticky tongues to catch and eat insects.
- An echidna is one of the many unusual animals from Australia!



An Echidna

**What do you do when you are scared? Why?**

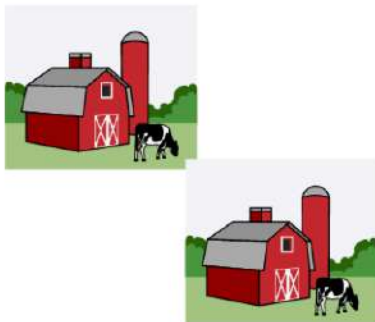




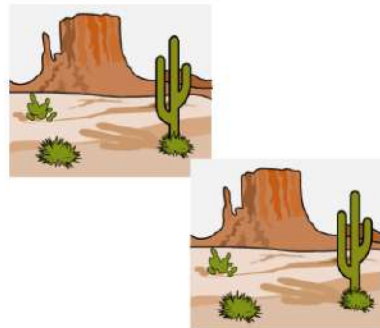
## Where do bilbies live?

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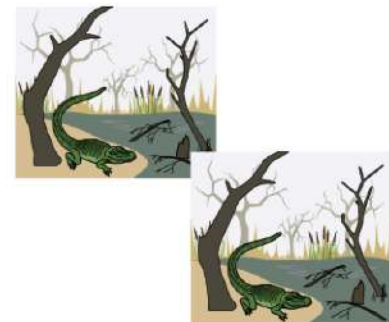
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deserts



swamps

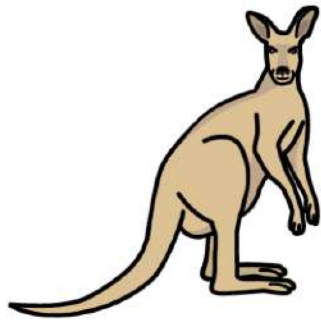




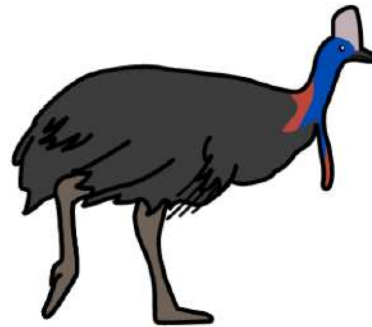
## What animal looks like a dog?

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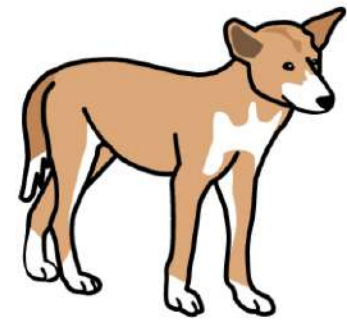
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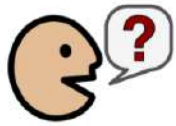


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dingo





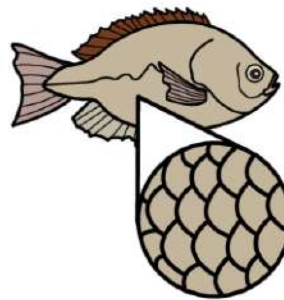
## What do echidnas have on their bodies?

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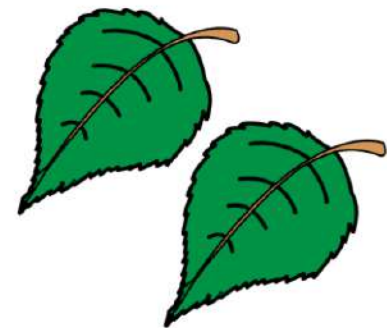
spines



scales



leaves





# video links



**Visit the following links for expanded video content.**

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to see Australian animals being rescued  
from the wildfires:



**Click on the video link**

to learn more about Australian animals:



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