

Wild Australia

Koalas

adapted to life in trees

mainly nocturnal

eat leaves, stalks and sometimes bark of eucalyptus gum trees of certain species only
once were endangered as they were hunted for their fur
now fully protected

Platypus

has a "bill" (like a duck's beak) which is very sensitive

can stay underwater for 6 minutes

an egg-laying mammal

Echidna

long snout (nose) to eat ants or termites

spines can help camouflage the animals

acute hearing

can vary its body temperature and heart rate

Numbats

endangered

can eat up to their own weight in termites every day

keen sense of smell

Kangaroo

varieties shown include quokka, poteroo ("rat kangaroo") and tree kangaroo

tail is used like a boat's rudder for balance

a "joey" is a young kangaroo

joeys live in the mother's pouch



Photograph of Michael with a kangaroo in Queensland, Australia