

# EDUCATOR SELF-PRINT EDITION



## Diprotodon

*Diprotodon optatum*

### WHOMPbat

Big Tooth

Pouch Kid

Birth Giver

Fuzzy  
Mama

Shell  
Shocker



Biggest marsupial ever... but like all other marsupials, it gave birth to a baby the size of a jellybean! It's possible that these herd animals migrated regularly, like elephants!



## "Pal"

*Palorchestes azeal*

### WHOMPbat

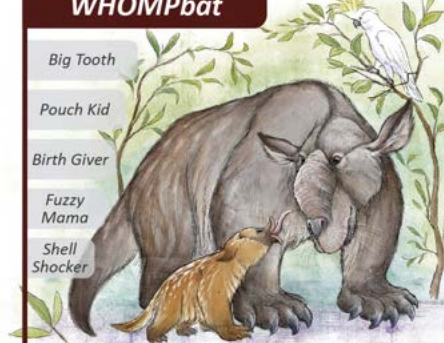
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Based on fossils, this strange giant is often illustrated with knife-claws & body-builder arms! It had a weird skull - some scientists even suspect it may have had a trunk.



## "Were-Wombat"

*Thylacoleo carnifex*

### WHOMPbat

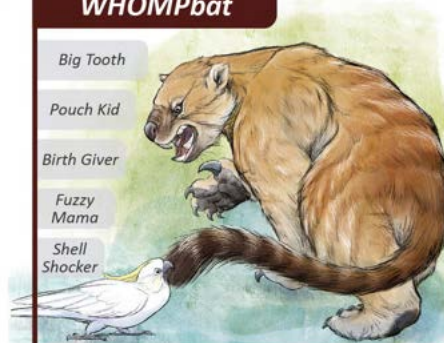
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It may look like a lion, but this fearsome predator is closely related to wombats! It evolved blade-like back teeth and had the strongest bite of any mammal we know of!



## Giant Wombat

*Phascolonus gigas*

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**Wombat** is a word attributed to the Dharug language for those lovable ground-diggers. This extinct cousin weighed up to 200kg... that's 500% heavier than wombats today!



## Giant Tree 'Roo

*Bohra paulae*

### Thunder Thighs

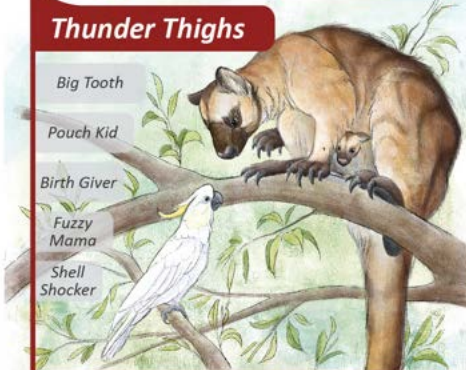
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An extinct giant tree kangaroo! Its scientific name is the Yuwaalaraay word for "red kangaroo", spelled "**bawurra**" in the modern spelling system.



## Red Kangaroo

*Osphranter rufus*

### Thunder Thighs

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Largest living marsupial - can weigh 90kg! Called "**Malu**" in Pitjantjatjara by the Anangu people of Central Australia, these huge hoppers can extract water from food.



## Short-Faced 'Roo

*Simosthenurus occidentalis*

### Thunder Thighs

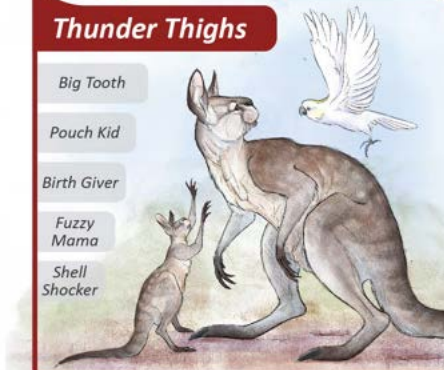
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This 1-toed wonder didn't hop! It stepped its unmissable tracks into fossils and rock art in WA. The first jaw, found on Noongar land, inspired the "short-faced" adjective.



## Thylacine

*Thylacinus cynocephalus*

### Meat Muncher

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Birth Giver

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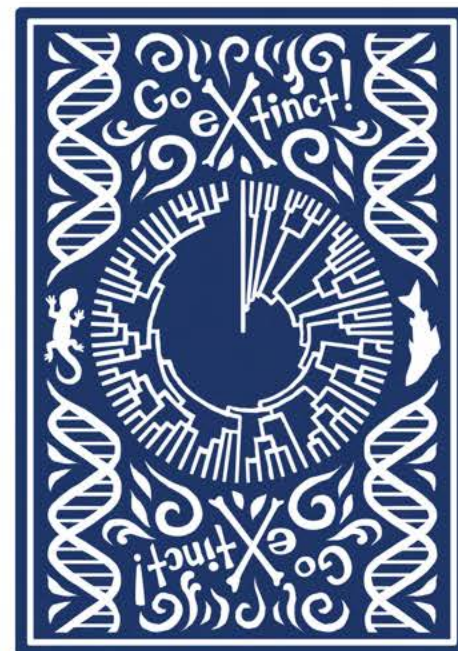
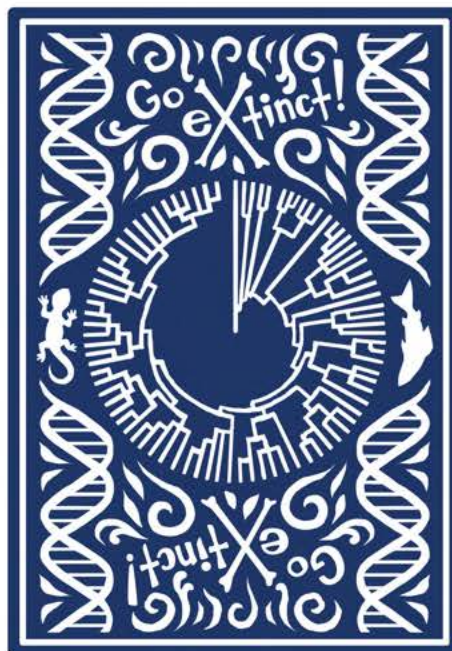


Named **kaparunina**\*, this top carnivore once stalked all of Oz. It could open its jaws 80° to yawn or make threats!

\*In palawa kani, the language of Tasmanian Aborigines, with thanks to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre.



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## Tassie Devil

*Sarcophilus harrisii*

### Meat Muncher

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Don't call her a devil! The largest marsupial carnivore alive can raise up to 4 joeys in a year and is called **purinina\***.

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## Human

*Homo sapiens sapiens*

### Big Baby

Birth Giver

Fuzzy Mama

Shell Shocker



Humans have lived on the land now called Australia for at least 60,000 years! They definitely co-existed with most, if not all, of the extinct megafauna in this game!



## Dingo

*Canis lupus dingo*

### Big Baby

Birth Giver

Fuzzy Mama

Shell Shocker



**Dingo** is a word attributed to the Dharug language. They only arrived ~3,000 years ago. Close relatives of Asian village dogs, they likely arrived on ancient trade boats!



## Orca

*Orcinus orca*

### Big Baby


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Like humans, these highly intelligent and social animals have distinctive language dialects and learn through play! The Yuin people of NSW even hunted with orcas!



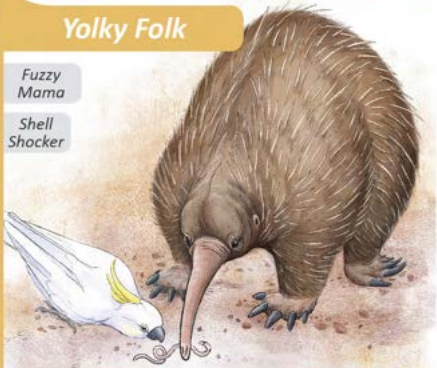
## Giant Echidna

*Zaglossus hacketti*


### Yolky Folk

Fuzzy Mama

Shell Shocker



Giant echidna relatives may have only just gone extinct in Australia! Some museum specimens and rock art suggest that they lived in WA until at least the early 1900s.



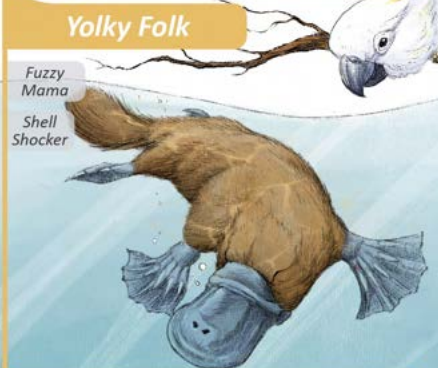
## Platypus

*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*


### Yolky Folk

Fuzzy Mama

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The Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains are reclaiming language by filling gaps. The words for water + possum combine into **Kauwirlta**, an animal famed for its combos.



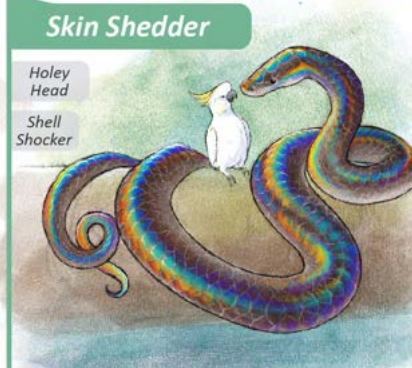
## "Cave Snake"

*Wonambi naracoortensis*


### Skin Shedder

Holey Head

Shell Shocker



The genus name **Wonambi** refers to an ancestral snake-being in many Indigenous languages across Australia. This 6m snake was an ambush hunter with killer hugs!



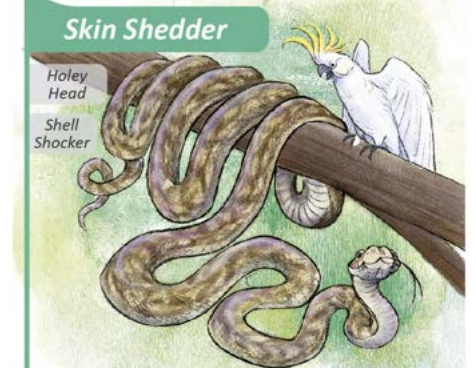
## Scrub Python

*Simalia amethystina*

### Skin Shedder

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Amethystine python is another common name for Australia's largest snake, which can hug a wallaby for dinner! Their deadly hugs evolved separately from "cave snake".




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## Megalania

*Varanus priscus*


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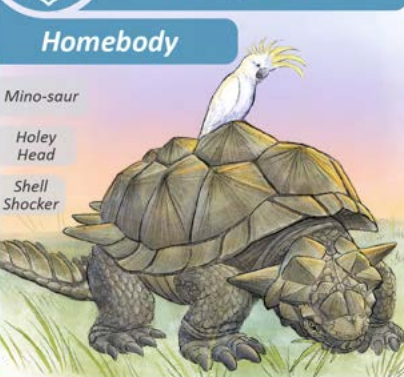
A 2000 kg goanna cousin and the biggest lizard that ever lived! Goanna is *not* a local word. It's a variation on the Spanish name for a South American lizard: "iguana"!



## "Ninja Turtle"

*Ninjemys oweni*

### Homebody




Mino-saur

Holey Head

Shell Shocker

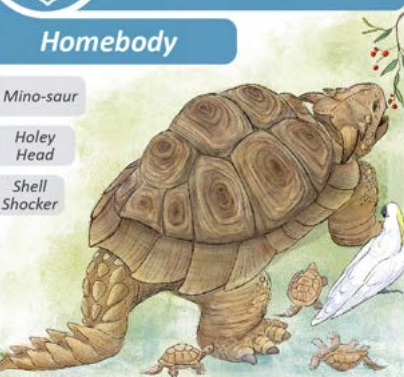
The Latin *Ninjemys* literally translates to "ninja turtle"! A close relative of the "land roamer", but different face & horn shapes distinguish these two big turtle species.



## "Land Roamer"

*Meiolania brevicolis*

### Homebody



Mino-saur

Holey Head

Shell Shocker

This massive land turtle converged on the same shape as ankylosaur dinosaurs! We don't know yet if the babies hatched with horns or if those had to grow over time.



## Leatherback

*Dermochelys coriacea*

### Homebody




Mino-saur

Holey Head

Shell Shocker

The only living species in a >100 million year old family! Sadly, it often mistakes floating plastic bags for its favourite food - jellyfish - with lethal consequences.



## "Swamp King"

*Paludirex gracilis*

### Super Chomper




Toothy Grinner

Mino-saur

Holey Head

Shell Shocker


The Latin *Paludirex* literally translates to "swamp king". Scientists note the massive nose - bigger than on other known crocs - and suspect it could take on *Diprotodon*!



## Saltie

*Crocodylus porosus*

### Super Chomper



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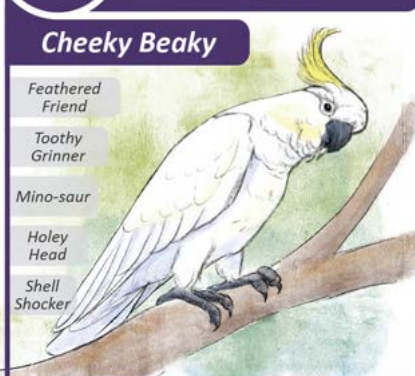
Lunging out of the water to surprise and capture prey: a classic crocodile move that works at any size. Hatching at 28cm, male salties need ~16 years to grow 3.3m long!



## Cockatoo

*Cacatua galerita*

### Cheeky Beaky



Feathered Friend

Toothy Grinner

Mino-saur

Holey Head

Shell Shocker

A cockatoo can be half a metre tall, making it the perfect "scale bar" for this game! "Cockatoo" actually comes from a Dutch version of a Malay word.



## "Jawbird"

*Genyornis newtoni*

### Cheeky Beaky



Feathered Friend

Toothy Grinner

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**Wang berndak** means 'big bird' in Jawoyn, whose ancestors lived with these 2 metre giant geese! They may have eaten seeds from cycads, helping to spread the plants.



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## Cassowary

*Casuarus casuarius*

**Early Bird**

- Feathered Friend
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The Djabugay people of North Qld hear the **Bunda:rra's** booming calls through the tropical forest. Its horn-like head casque ('cask') may help it get rid of excess heat!



## Emu

*Dromaius novaehollandiae*

**Early Bird**

- Feathered Friend
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- Shell Shocker



Like the closely related cassowary, a male will raise his young all by himself. The Anangu people of Central Australia call them "**Kalaya**" in Pitjantjatjara.



## Tall Turkey!

*Proguira gallinacea*

**ACTION CARD**

HINT: Use before the draw pile runs out!



**Rummage!** Any time during your turn, play this to look at the top 3 cards of the draw pile. Pick your favourite ONE card and put the remainder at the bottom. Discard after.



## Megabat!

*Pteropus alecto*

**ACTION CARD**

HINT: Use before the draw pile runs out!



**Cross-Pollinate!** On your Ask action, play this to ask EVERYONE the same question. Every player who has an animal in your ask must give you ONE card! Discard after.

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