

Karen Henriks – My Animal Kingdom

Meet Ruby Red Roo.

She's wild and free in the Australian Daintree Rainforest.

She's a tree kangaroo that leaps across high branches in a single bound.

She hides in trees until she's ready to drop to the forest floor.

Are you ready to try guess her Daintree rainforest secret?

Although, she's a tree kangaroo sometimes she gets called a bear.

Let's follow Ruby Red Roo and see what happens.

Here come Hugo and Daisy.

They're going on a special kind of bear hunt.

'Hugo, Drop Bears are in the Daintree.'

'They're not real Daisy,' replies Hugo.

'I think they are?' says Daisy.

Muffled laughter fills the air.

'I hope we see a tree kangaroo,' says Hugo.

'Me too,' replies Daisy.

Swish, swosh, swish

Ruby Red Roo jumps about above.

Kookoo kucka, kookoo kucka.

There's a flash of blue in the canopy.

Daisy points, 'It's an Azure Kingfisher.'

'I got a photo Daisy,' replies Hugo.

One Daintree treasure.

'Let's jump on that swing bridge,' says Daisy.

WHeeeeeeeeeeee!

Once on the other side they spy a hollow log and took a peek inside.

Spots, lots of spots and one soft pink nose.

Zzzzzzzzz

A tiger quoll is fast asleep.

Snap!

Two Daintree treasures.

Off they go along the leafy rainforest floor.

Plip, plop, plip!

'EEew!'

'What was that?' asked Daisy.

'Something pooped on me from above, replies Hugo.'

Muffled laughter fills the air.

Two big, round eyes peer.

Off along the shadowy track they go.
Snap, crackle, snap.
What was that? asks Hugo.
They peer around.
Silky spider webs shimmer and dance in the breeze.
'A silk-orb weaver with a web that's like lace,' says Daisy.
Three Daintree Treasures.

Off to the bubbling creek.
Feet dingle dangle in cool water.
Eyes close to the Daintree rainforest song.
Hugo and Daisy dream.

Crash!
A big furry body lands on top of Daisy and Hugo.
Ouch!
They're pinned to the ground and can't see a thing.
A long furry tail gives them a hug.
Then quick as a sleepy wink Ruby Red Roo disappears into the trees.

Hugo and Daisy rub their sleepy eyes.
'Hugo was that a Drop Bear?' asks Daisy.
'It was a tree kangaroo?' replies Hugo.
'It's gone now so whatever it was we'll never know,' said Daisy.
Hugo nods and scratches his head.
Do you know Ruby Red Roo's secret?
Muffled laughter fills the air.