

PLATYPUSES

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WHAT THEY EAT.

A variety of insect larvae, yabbies, small fish and worms

Just in case you don't know what a Yabbie is. It's a specie of crayfish.



WHERE THEY LIVE.

The whole eastern side of Australia.



FUN FACTS.

Did you know that they are mammals even though they lay eggs?! And that they have venom?!

PICTURES OF PLATYPUSES



DO PLATYPUSES HAVE PREDATORS?

yes

Snakes: Carpet pythons and other snakes are known to eat platypuses.

Birds of prey: Eagles, hawks, and owls are known to hunt platypuses.

Water-rats: These are natural predators of platypuses.

Goannas: These are natural predators of platypuses.



What is a water-rat

The Water-rat is one of Australia's largest rodents and is usually found near permanent bodies of water.



What is a goanna

Being predatory lizards, goannas are often quite large with sharp teeth and claws. The largest is the perentie (*V. giganteus*), which can grow over 2.5 m (8.2 ft) in length. Not all goannas are so large; pygmy goannas may be smaller than the arm of an adult human. The smallest of these, the short-tailed monitor (*V. brevicauda*), reaches only 20 cm (8 in) in length. They survive on smaller prey, such as insects and mice.

WHERE IS THEIR VENOM.

It's on their back legs.



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WHAT THEY USE THEIR VENOM FOR?

primarily during competition with other males and
secondarily as a defensive weapon against predators.

ANY QUESTIONS



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