

KANGAROO

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The scientific name for a kangaroo is *macropus giganteus*.

Kangaroos are marsupial mammals.

Kangaroos live in Australia. They live in damp forests and scrub.

They range in size from 3 feet to 8 feet tall and up to 200 pounds.

They are grazing animals that eat grass, young shoots, and leaves of heath plants and grass tress to survive.

Kangaroos usually have one baby a year. The baby is called a joey. They are born about 2 cm long and weigh less than one gram. Right after it is born; it crawls up the mother's body and enters the pouch. The baby stays with its mother for about six months.

Are kangaroos



endangered? Yes and no. There are about 20 million red and grey kangaroos. There are so many of them now because there are fewer dingoes (wild dogs) hunting them.