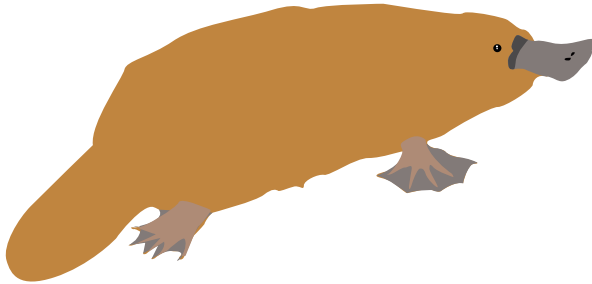


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# Cute & Dangerous

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**Platypus**



**Koala**



**Slow Loris**

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# The Platypus

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**COMMON NAME:**

Platypus

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:**

Ornithorhynchus anatinus

**TYPE:**

Mammals

**DIET:**

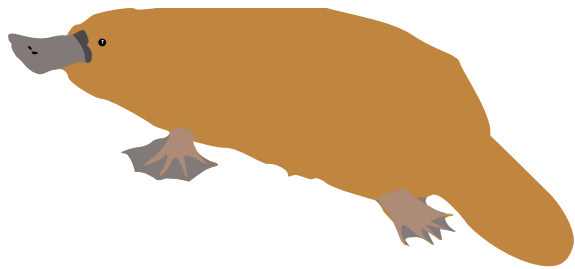
Carnivores

**SIZE:**

Head and body, 15 in; tail,  
5 in

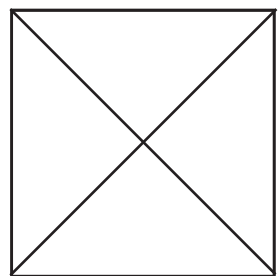
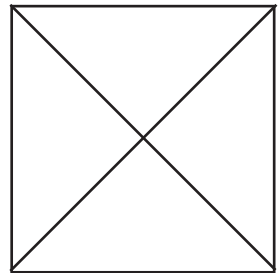
**WEIGHT:**

3 lbs

**IUCN RED LIST STATUS**

*Nearly Threatened*

The platypus is among nature's most unlikely animals. In fact, the first scientists to examine a specimen believed they were the victims of a hoax. The animal is best described as a hodgepodge of more familiar species: the duck (bill and webbed feet), beaver (tail), and otter (body and fur). Males are also venomous. They have sharp stingers on the heels of their rear feet and can use them to deliver a strong toxic blow to any foe.



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# The Koala

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**COMMON NAME:**

Koala

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:**

Phascolarctos cinereus

**TYPE:**

Mammals

**DIET:**

Herbivores

**SIZE:**

23.5 to 33.5 in

**WEIGHT:**

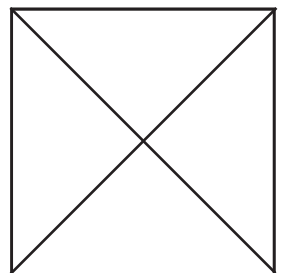
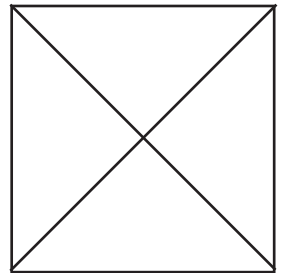
20 lbs

**IUCN RED LIST STATUS**

***Vulnerable***

Though often called the koala “bear,” this cuddly animal is not a bear at all; it is a marsupial, or pouched mammal. After giving birth, a female koala carries her baby in her pouch for about six months. When the infant emerges, it rides on its mother’s back or clings to her belly, accompanying her everywhere until it is about a year old.

Their claws are very posinuous, and when they scratch humans it can be fatal.



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# The Slow Loris

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COMMON NAME:

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

TYPE:

DIET:

SIZE:

WEIGHT:



IUCN RED LIST STATUS

