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**Platypus**



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**Introduction** 

*Did you know that platypuses don't have true stomachs or that they glow under a blacklight. However, read to find out the mysterious and weird facts about the awesome animal, the **Platypus!***

# Appearance

*Common name: Platypus*

*Scientific name: Ornithorhynchus anatinus* 🤔🤔

*Type: mammals*

*Diet: carnivore*

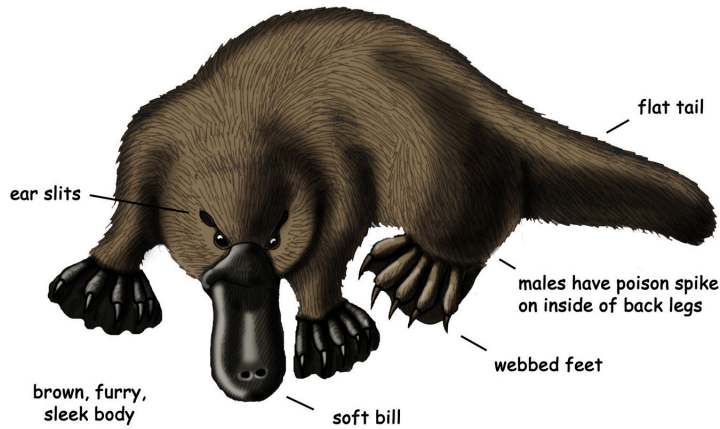
*Size: (male) 40-63 cm (female) 39- 41.2 kg*

*Weight: (male) 1-2.4 kg (female) 0.7-1.6 kg*

*Platypuses' are small shy animals. Their fur is dark brown on top and tan on their bellies. Its thick fur repels the water from their body to keep them warm and dry. It has short, stout legs and webbed feet well suited for its life in the water. It's broad flat tail acts as a stabiliser*

*when the platypus swims, it's also used for burrowing.*

Duck-billed Platypus  
*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*



## **Diet** 🐛

*These mammals are bottom feeders. Their diet includes a variety of insects, larvae, yabbies, small fish and worms. Platypuses find their food amongst rocks and reeds at the bottom of the water with their bill, for example, platypuses will dive to the bottom and use their bill to scoop up their findings.*

# **Habitat** 🌳 🌲

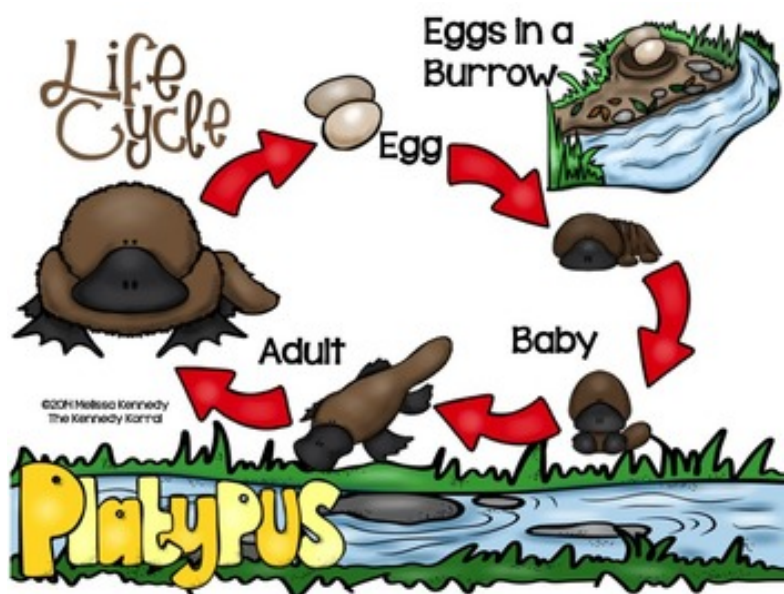
*Platypuses are found in eastern Australia, from the steamy tropics of far north Queensland to the freezing snows of Tasmania.*

*Platypuses are able to regulate their own body temperature to cope with hot or cold environments. Platypuses make their home in and near freshwater creeks, slow-moving lakes and rivers, lakes joined by rivers.*



# Life Span 🥚 🐣 🐤

*Platypuses start as eggs, then start hatching into newborns then their in the infant stage happens last but definitely not least adult. Platypuses are long-lived animals both in captivity and wild, living up to 20-22 years in the wild and 16-18 years in captivity.*



# **Conclusion**

*Platypuses are very unique, mysterious, strange and weird animals. I hope you enjoyed it.*

*Thank You*