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Found in and around fresh water, they are strong fliers and catch small insects in flight.

They are a great indicators of water quality in the estuary.



This creature rarely stays in the same place for more than fifteen days.

It feeds on small birds, mammals, frogs and climbs to raid birds' nests. It gives birth every two years to up to forty live young.



This animal is nocturnal, and rests during the day in a nest called a 'drey' made from grass and bark.

It feeds on native and exotic plants, flowers, shoots, fruits and gum leaves.



This creature loves the 'brackish' water of the estuary.

It feeds on small fish, worms and algae.

The female produces one to three million eggs which hatch in about two days.



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This animal lives on water and land. It is a powerful swimmer.

It feeds on plant material, fish, insects, frogs, lizards, small mammals and water birds.

The female produces up to two litters of five babies per year.



These creatures nest in hollows found in dead and living trees on a bed of decaying debris.

They feed on nuts, cones, buds of trees, bulbs of onion weed, freshly sown crops and sometimes people's wooden verandas!



This animal is usually seen in the late afternoon and early morning and rests under trees and shrubs in the daytime.

They live in mobs of up to twenty and become independent at eleven months.



These creatures live in rivers, creeks and dams and are able to withstand long dry periods by burrowing down to reach moist soil.

They feed on the debris and are opportunistic meat eaters.



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These creatures travel in pairs or family groups and are seen in open plains and coastal towns during autumn and winter.

Males and females are different colours.

They nest in wood dust at the bottom of tree trunks.



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Common Ringtail Possum

(Pseudocheirus Peregrinus)



Australian King Parrot

(Alisterus Scapularis)



Black Bream

(Acanthopagrus Butcheri)



Eastern Grey Kangaroo

(Macropus Giganteus)



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Sulphur Crested Cockatoo

(Cacatua Galerita)



Freshwater Crayfish / Yabby

(Cherax Galerita)



Dragonfly

(Odonata Anisoptera)



Tiger Snake

(Notechis Scutatus)



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Water Rat
(*Hyromys Chrysogaster*)

