

2018 CALENDAR



*Wildlife of
Walla Gum Swamp*





Spotted Marsh Frogs

- Spotted Marsh frogs live near open farm dams or in wetlands.
- They are smooth with olive-green spots and have a thin yellow, orange or red stripe down their back.
- The tadpoles stay as larval for 4-5 months. Once they have become tadpoles, they reach up to 60 millimetres long.
- Spotted Marsh frogs only eat invertebrates. This means they only eat things that don't have a spine, so they are easier to eat. They eat flies and little crickets.
- When the Spotted Marsh frog calls to each other, it sounds like someone hitting two rocks together very loudly.

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31		Australia Day	



Squirrel Glider

- Their scientific name is *Petaurus norfolcensis*, which means small headed rope dancer.
- Squirrel gliders eat flower nectar, acacia gum, eucalyptus sap, insects and bloodwood trees.
- Squirrel gliders can glide up to 100 metres between trees, using their flaps of skin help them to glide through the sky.
- Adult Squirrel gliders roughly weigh 120 grams and are nocturnal.
- They sleep more than 16 hours during the day and only come out during daylight, if they are extremely hungry.
- Breeding season is from June to January. The males can mate up to two females per breeding season.
- Squirrel gliders group together in winter and separate in summer.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Valentine's Day			
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Kangaroos

- There are four species of kangaroo in Australia - Red, Antilopine, Eastern Grey and Western Grey.
- Red kangaroos are the largest marsupial in the world and can grow up to about two metres tall and weigh up to 85 kilos.
- Kangaroos are herbivores meaning they like to eat plants. Like cows kangaroos regurgitate their food.
- All female kangaroos have a pouch. A joey is 2 cm long when born and crawls into the pouch to drink milk and stay warm. As it grows, it goes in and out of the pouch. It leaves the pouch after 7-10 months.
- Male kangaroos are called bucks, boomers, jacks and old men. Female kangaroos are called does, flyers and jills. A group of kangaroos are called a mob.

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day (WA)	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Labour Day (VIC) Eight Hours Day (TAS) Adelaide Cup (SA) Canberra Day (ACT)	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 Easter Saturday



Grey Fantail

- The Grey Fantail's scientific name is *Rhipiduriae albiscapa*
- They can be found all through Australia, mostly in tree filled habitats.
- Grey Fantails come from Fantail family. Similar species are the Willie Wagtail and the Rufous Fantail.
- The Grey Fantail is known to eat flying insects and likes to build its nest in thin tree forks out of grasses and spider webs. It usually builds the nest 2-5 metres above the ground.
- Grey Fantails are always on the move and are always changing their position.

APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6	7
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22	23	24	25 Anzac Day	26	27	28
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Little Red Flying-fox

- Flying-foxes are mega-bats. They are also called fruit bats.
- The Little Red Flying-fox weighs 300–600 grams. It is the smallest Australian flying-fox and has reddish-brown coloured fur.
- They are nocturnal animals, flying around at night feeding on the nectar and pollen of native blossoms and fruits, such as figs.
- Little Red Flying-foxes roost in trees, sometimes in their hundreds of thousands.
- Flying-foxes are important in the environment because they spread seeds and pollinate native plants.
- Flying-foxes and other bats get a bad reputation for being creatures that lurk at night.

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 May Day (NT) Labour Day (QLD)	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Brown Snake

- The brown snake's scientific name is *Pseudonaja textilis*.
- Brown Snakes are native to our local wetland Gum Swamp.
- Their habitat is in woodlands, pastures and grasslands.
- This species mainly eats small mammals such as mice and rats.
- The females lay around 16 eggs after mating.
- Even though brown snakes seem quite vicious, they actually try to avoid humans as much as possible.
- The majority of brown snakes die from road kill each year and also when farmers and landowners catch them.

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Western Australia Day (WA)	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Queens Birthday (All states except WA and QLD)	12	13	14	15	16
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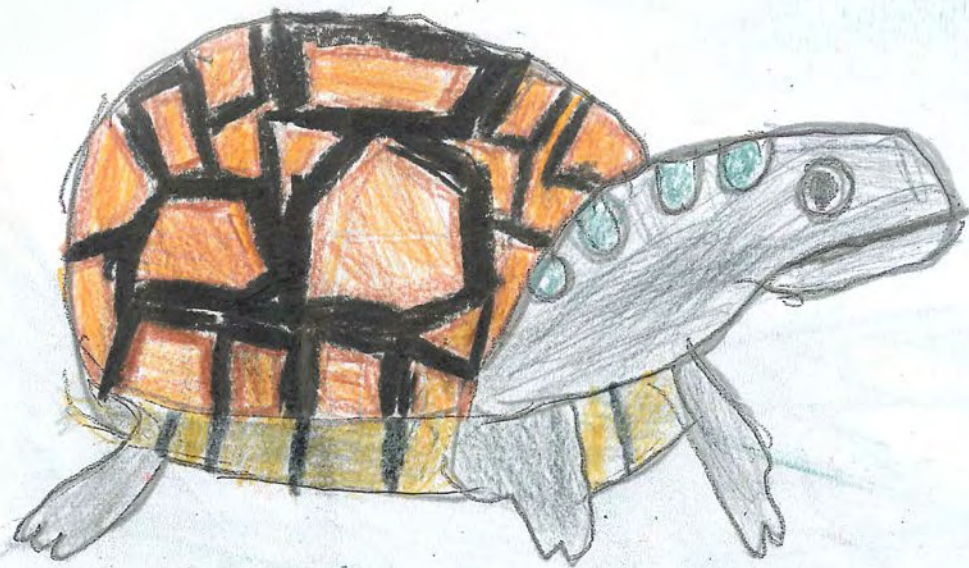


Willy Wagtail

- The Willy Wagtail is the most common fantail in Australia. It is found in every state except Tasmania.
- Willy Wagtails eat insects and can be seen darting around as they catch them in the grass.
- A Willy Wagtail's nest is made out of neatly woven grasses. They have spiders web on the outside and soft hair and fur inside.
- The female lays cream-coloured eggs that have specks of grey and brown. The baby birds stay with the parents until the next lot of eggs hatch.

JULY 2018

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Eastern Long-necked Turtle

- Its scientific name is *Chelodina longicollis*. It has also been called a Snake-necked Turtle.
- This turtle lives in freshwater environments including wetlands.
- They eat aquatic invertebrates, tadpoles and small fish.
- The Eastern Long-necked Turtle grows to be 26 cm long and the female can lay 4-20 hard shelled eggs.
- The Eastern Long-necked Turtle's life span ranges from 31 to 37 years.
- The Eastern Long-necked Turtle can eject a pungent liquid from gland secretions in the armpit. This unique ability has given the turtle the nickname 'stinker'.

AUGUST 2018

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Goanna

- There are 15 species of goannas found in Australia.
- They are mostly found in northern and eastern parts of Australia.
- Tree Goannas are carnivores eating insects, small lizards, birds, eggs, and snakes.
- The Tree Goanna can grow up to two metres in length, making them one of the biggest reptile in Australia.
- If a Tree Goanna bites you, it can become infected because in their teeth are covered in bacteria.

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Father's Day						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Kookaburra

- Kookaburras are the biggest bird in the kingfisher family.
- They are a type of a kingfisher, but they don't eat fish.
- A Kookaburra's method of hunting is to perch and pounce. Their beak is strong and can grow up to 10 cm long.
- Kookaburras eat mice, small snakes, lizards, small birds, worms, crickets, beetles and centipedes.
- Kookaburras live to about 15 years.
- They nest in hollows found in old trees and can lay up to four eggs. Their babies are born blind and featherless.
- Kookaburras laugh to mark their territory.

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day (NSW) Labour Day (ACT) Labour Day (SA) Queens Birthday (QLD, WA)	2	3	4	5	6
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Brushtail Possum

- The Brushtail Possum is the second largest possum in Australia.
- The life span of a Brushtail Possum is 13 years. The female is called a Jill and the male is called a Jack.
- The Brushtail Possum has a prehensile tip on its tail that acts like an extra hand.
- They are nocturnal and their main diet is eucalyptus and other ferns, buds and fruit.
- Brushtails are born 1.5 cm in length. Their young are born during May to July.

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		Melbourne Cup Day (VIC)				
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Wombat

- The scientific name for the Common Wombat is *Vombatus ursinus*.
- Wombats are marsupials that are about one metre in length, and have short legs that can run up to 40 km/hr. Adults can weigh from 27-35 kg.
- They live in coastal forests, alpine woodlands and grasslands.
- Wombats are one of the largest burrowing animals in the world and their thick paws are designed for digging. Their pouch faces backwards to protect their young from flying dirt when the mother digs.
- When born, wombats weigh only one gram. A baby wombat stays in the pouch for up to 10 months.
- The Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat is an endangered species.

DECEMBER 2018

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day			
30	31					
	New Year's Eve					



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