

## **Fun and interesting facts (Some facts about kangaroo)**

### **1. What is the importance of kangaroos in Australia?**

The [kangaroo](#) is the national animal of [Australia](#). They have had cultural significance since ancient times in Australia, as they have appeared in art and stories. They are depicted in ancient rock paintings. Kangaroos are also depicted on the Australian coat of arms and Australian national coins and are used as sports mascots in Australia.

### **2. How many common species of kangaroo are there?**

[Macropus](#) is the genus name for kangaroos that belong to the family Macropodidae. They are initially divided into four species: the Red Kangaroo (*Macropus rufus*), the Eastern Grey Kangaroo (*Macropus giganteus*), the Western Grey Kangaroo (*Macropus fuliginosus*), and the Antilopine Kangaroo (*Macropus antilopinus*). Currently, the red kangaroo and the antilopine kangaroo are reclassified and are named *Osphranter rufus* and *Osphranter antilopinus*.

### **3. At what speed can a kangaroo run?**

A kangaroo can generally run up to about 20–25 km/h, but its maximum speed varies up to 50–60 km/h. They are able to achieve these speeds because of their powerful hind legs and muscular tail. They are also able to maintain a steady speed of about 40 km/h for short distances.

### **4. How did the word “kangaroo” originate?**

The word ‘kangaroo’ originated from the Aboriginal Australian word ‘gangurru’ (refers to the Eastern Grey Kangaroo), which was given by the Guugu Yimithirr people of [North Queensland](#), Australia.

### **5. What is the native land of kangaroos?**

Kangaroos are native to the Australian subcontinent. They are found in Australia and nearby islands.

## **References**

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