

Amazing Australia: A Traveler's Guide to Common Plants and Animals / Laine Cunningham / 64 pages / Sun Dogs Creations, 2018 / 9781946732774 / 2018

Here are 16 amazing animals that can be found in Australia. 16. Box jellyfish. Box jellyfish are commonly identified by their cubed-shaped medusa. These birds are flightless but can travel a great distance and only sprint when necessary. Their diet consists of a variety of plants and insects but can go for weeks without eating. The female bird can lay several clutches of eggs in a season but it is the male who incubates them. 10. Dingo. Plant and animal life. Overall characteristics. Some two centuries ago Australia was in a nearly primal condition, unmodified by the practices of large-scale conventional agriculture. The continent's prehistory is so recent that a scattering of old eucalypts can be found still standing, bearing the great scars of canoes or shields cut from the bark by the Aboriginal peoples. Many exotic animals (such as camels) and plants were introduced incidentally, some running wild as pests, without effective control measures. As a result, much of the inland has been overgrazed, and its original fauna has become impoverished. Conservation. A Companion Guide to Bush Food, Jennifer Isaccs. A summarised version of the book above, small and light, but I would not really call it a field guide. It was the first bush tucker book that I read all the way through from front to back. If you want to read one all the way through, this would be a good choice since there is less to read than most of the other books, and it gives you a good overview. It contains a list of the most common animals and plants eaten in the traditional diet of central Australia. Each food source is described on a page with a description, black and white drawing, and its uses. NEW: Noongar Bush Tucker: Bush Food Plants and Fungi of the South-West of Western Australia, by Vivienne Hansen and John Horsfall.