



Platypus

interesting facts

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Description



- The weight of an adult platypus does not exceed 2 kg, and the body length is 30-40 cm.
- They live only in fresh water. They cannot survive in salty waters.
- Platypuses store fat in their tails, similar to beavers.

Area



- Platypuses live only in Australia, and are not found anywhere else in the wild.
- The image of this animal can be seen on a coin of 20 Australian cents.



Electroreception



- Male platypuses are poisonous, but their poison is not dangerous for humans. It is contained in the spurs on the hind legs, and not in the mouth, as in reptiles.
- Platypuses are one of only two species of mammals on Earth that can sense the electrical fields of other living beings.

Movement features



- Unlike most marine animals, platypuses do not use their hind limbs for swimming, but their front ones.
- At the same time, the rear ones act as a steering wheel.

Platypus is on the hunt



- Under water, they do not see anything, do not hear, do not smell. But they feel the electric fields that potential prey emits, such as tensing their muscles. They hunt based on these radiations.

Platypus relatives



- The closest biological relatives of the platypus are echidnas.
- Biologists and zoologists say that in a number of ways, platypuses are close to reptiles.

Mating season of the platypus



- Despite the fact that they live in a warm climate, every winter platypuses fall into a short hibernation. It lasts about 1 week.
- After hibernation, they have a mating season.

Is it a bird or an animal?



- Being mammals, platypuses, like birds, lay eggs, and the cubs hatched from them are fed with milk.
- The diameter of the eggs they lay usually does not exceed 1 centimeter.

Feeding the cubs



- The female platypuses do not have nipples, so the milk after excretion flows down directly on the wool, and the cubs lick it off.



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