

# PLATY-FACTS



## ANATOMY:

### BROAD TAIL

stores fat for when food supply is low.



### RUBBERY SNOUT

used to detect tiny electrical currents under water.



### WEBBED FEET

paddles its duck feet like a bird.



### DENSE BROWN FUR

sports fur like a mammal.



## GEOGRAPHY:

### EASTERN AUSTRALIA

Platypus are indigenous to Australia and are found in the eastern states. Platypuses in Queensland are the smallest, weighing approximately 1 KG, whereas ones found in Tasmania can be up to 3KG.



## LIFESPAN:

17 years  
OLD



## SCIENTIFIC NAME:

ORNITHORHYNCHUS ANATINUS

which means 'bird-snout, duck-like'.

They can spend up to

 **ten**  
MINUTES  
*underwater*  
but usually resurface more quickly.



## LANGUAGES:

PLATYPUS PRONOUNCED AROUND THE WORLD

GERMAN: Schnabeltier / ITALIAN: Ornitorinco / Japanese: Kamonohashi  
Chinese: Yāzuishōu / Swedish: Näbbdjur

## DIET:

PRAWNS,  
CRAYFISH, LARVAE



Platypus  
hunt for  
food

**12** HOURS  
a day

Platypuses store food (prawns, crayfish or insect larvae) in their cheeks and wait to resurface before eating.



July - September  
mating season



## BABIES

Platypus lay leathery eggs half an inch in length. The only other monotreme is the Echidna.

