

Red Kangaroo

The biggest kangaroo in the world

- Many scientists believe the high speed bounding of the kangaroo is the most efficient movement of any animal in the world.
- Kangaroos have muscular legs, with strong tendons that act like a giant pair of springs. As their legs push down against the earth, energy builds up and then it explodes.
- The red kangaroo's tail is like another leg, helping it to balance and step forward.
- The tail also helps to propel the kangaroo forwards and keeps them balanced when hopping.
- Instead of sweating to cool down, the red kangaroo licks its forearms. Covering themselves in saliva cools their overall core body temperature.
- Joeys stay in their mothers pouch for around 6 to 8 months, suckling milk to help them grow strong and healthy.

The red kangaroo can change direction in mid-air.



“The female red kangaroo can actually stop or pause her reproductive cycle, especially when faced with some extreme environmental conditions.”

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