



Banjo Frog or Pobblebonk

These medium sized frogs get their name from their call which sounds like a plucked banjo. Common*



Grey-headed Flying-fox

A large fruit bat, they fly from their daytime roosts at dusk in search of flowers or fruit. Common*



Echidna

One of the most unusual animals in the world, Echidnas lay eggs but are still classed as mammals. Rare.*



Sugar Glider

Using a fold of skin between wrist and ankle, this small gliding possum can 'fly' over 50 metres. Rare*



Garden or "Drop-tail" Skink

These small lizards can often be seen sun-bathing in gardens or beside bushland paths. Common*



Eastern Long-necked Turtle

On sunny mornings these turtles can often be seen basking on the edges of some of our wetlands. Fairly common*



Blue-tongued Lizard

Found in a number of our bushland parks, these large lizards eat a variety of small animals, berries and fruit. Uncommon*



Southern Brown Tree-frog

Often heard in wetlands, these small frogs can frequently be found sitting on water plants. Common*



Koala

Koalas spend most of their lives in trees either eating or sleeping. They only eat certain types of Gum leaves. Rare*



Brush-tailed Possum

Probably the only native animal that most people who live in suburbia will ever encounter. Nocturnal. Common*



Lowland Copperhead Snake

This snake is usually the first to become active when the weather warms up in early Spring. Rare*



Yabby

A small freshwater crayfish, Yabbies can be found in most wetlands and creeks. Common*



Peron's Tree-frog

This frog has a distinctive laughing call. It is the only local frog with 'cross' shaped pupils. Rare*



Eastern Grey Kangaroo (and Joey)

Australia's most famous animal symbol, kangaroos can occasionally be seen in parks in the Mitcham area. Uncommon*

Native Animals

Some of the fascinating animals that can be found in the City of Whitehorse



Murray River Turtle

Usually more at home in northern Victoria, these turtles can often be seen at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary. Uncommon*



Growling Grass-frog

Once quite a common frog, it is now classified as 'endangered'. These frogs like to bask in the sun! Rare*



Eastern Tiger-snake

Snakes are part of our bushland, but should always be treated with caution. The stripes give this snake its name. Rare*



Lesser Long-eared Bat

This is one of a number of small insect-eating bats that can frequently be seen around dusk. Fairly common*



Common Eastern Froglet

These are tiny frogs, with big voices. Their 'crick-crick' call can be heard at any time of the year. Fairly common*



Ring-tail Possum

A relatively shy possum, they build a nest (called a 'drey') of leaves and twigs in trees. Common*



Striped Marsh-frog

This frog is probably the one that most people will encounter in their gardens. Its call is a 'wuk' sound. Common*



Rakali or Native Water-rat

One of Australia's largest rodents, it is found in creeks and waterways. It eats worms, fish and crustaceans. Rare*

* refers to the Whitehorse area only