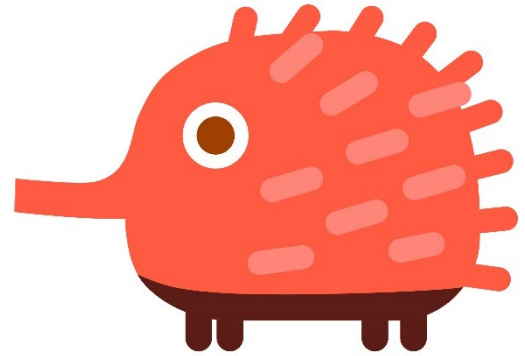


# FACT FILE: Echidna



- ❖ Sometimes known as a **spiny anteater**.
- ❖ They live in **Australia** and **New Guinea**.
- ❖ They have a **beak** like a bird, a **pouch** like a kangaroo, **spikes** like a hedgehog and have **no teeth**.
- ❖ They are **mammals** that **lay eggs**. The only other mammal to lay eggs is the platypus.
- ❖ **A baby echidna is called a puggle**. It is the size of a jellybean when it hatches and lives in its mum's pouch for seven weeks.
- ❖ They curl up like hedgehogs when they are frightened.
- ❖ They use caves, holes and sometimes the burrows of other animals to shelter.
- ❖ There are four types of echidna: three long-beaked varieties and one short-beaked variety.
- ❖ Knuckles from Sonic the Hedgehog is an echidna, and they are also seen in 'Oi! Duck-Billed Platypus'.