

Amazing Echidnas

Echidnas are found in mainland Australia. They are also found in Tasmania and Papua New Guinea.



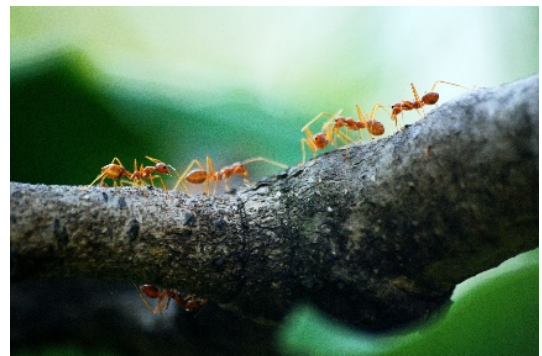
What is an echidna?

An echidna is an Australian mammal. This means echidnas have warm blood. They also have a pouch like the koala, kangaroo and platypus. The female echidna will lay one, soft-shelled egg into her pouch.

Ten days later, a baby echidna, or puggle, hatches from the egg. Baby echidnas are called puggles. When they are young, puggles live in the pouch and drink their mother's milk.

What do echidnas eat?

Echidnas eat insects and worms. small animals like termites, ants and worms. They flick out their long, sticky tongues to catch their prey.



Echidnas like to eat termites and ants

What are spines?

Echidna spines are made from keratin. Keratin is what your hair and nails are made from.

Echidnas have sharp claws. They dig into the ground to escape predators.



Echidnas spines help protect echidnas from predators.