

Our schoolroom feels so strange just now. Normally in May it is busy with many school children enjoying education workshops, and getting close up to bugs and reptiles. Nowadays it is empty. But not quite!! Check out the Wildlife Park Education YouTube channel where some close up encounters with creepy crawlies and strange objects await!

## Meet Winnie the Baby Wallaby!



is now being cared for by Wildlife Park zookeeper Carly, who snuggles her in a sling and feeds her with special wallaby formula milk. As you can see in the photo, Winnie is old enough to start eating grass now, and soon she will spend part of her day in our wallaby enclosure with the big wallabies. She goes home each night with Carly so that she can have the cuddles and milk feeds that she needs. Carly doesn't get much sleep at the moment - but says that Winnie is definitely worth it!

**Questions:**

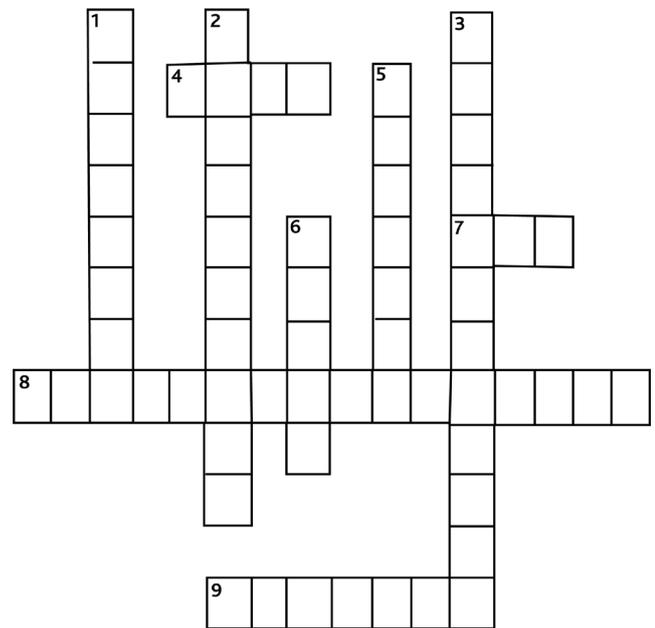
**What is the name for a baby wallaby?**

**What type of mammal is a wallaby?**

Baby wallabies spend their first months in the safety of their mum's pouch, feeding from her milk until they are ready to eat grass and leaves.

Sadly, Winnie's mum was a wild wallaby, who died when she was hit by a car. Miraculously, her little daughter survived in the pouch and

## Wildlife Park Crossword



**DOWN**

- 1. Pink bird that paddles
- 2. A cat that likes water
- 3. This monkey can hold on with its tail
- 5. This bird feeds on dead stuff
- 6. Very large parrot

**ACROSS**

- 4. Koi carp is a type of?
- 7. Huge Australian bird
- 8. World's smallest otter
- 9. A large marsupial

Which Wildlife Park animal?  
Unscramble the letters to find out!

l i v e s y r b o g b i n  
b a l l a w y  
a c o u g a n



## Whose dinner?



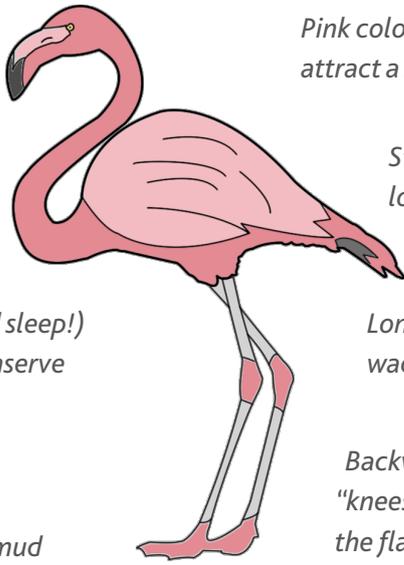
Which animals will get this lovely salad for dinner today? Clue: they have no teeth!

Curved beak has bristles inside, for sieving tiny shrimps from the water

Long neck for reaching down into the water to feed

Can balance (and sleep!) on one leg, to conserve heat

Webbed feet for standing on soft mud



Pink colour is essential to attract a mate

Strong wings for long flights

Long legs for wading in the water

Backward-bending "knees" are actually the flamingo's ankles!

# Animal of the Week

## Chilean Flamingo

Wild flamingos hang out in flocks of thousands, all paddling together in an enormous lake! When it is time to find a mate, they all dance together, and choose the best dancer. Some of their dance moves are: 1) bob heads together 2) all suddenly turn round together 3) flap wings together. Find a partner and try this!!

### Habitat

Chilean flamingos live in salt lakes, river estuaries and lagoons in South America

### Food in the Wild

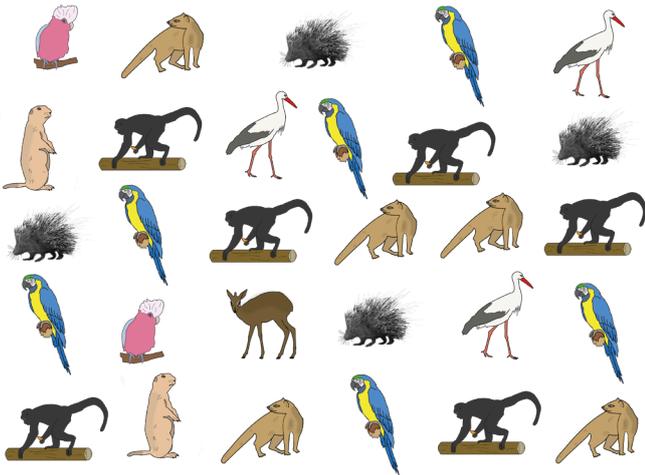
Tiny shrimps, tiny plants, and tiny insects that live in the water

### Superpower

They can stand in REALLY salty water that would sting the legs of other birds

## Wildlife Park Bar Chart

Colour in a square in the right column for each animal that you find in the picture. You could use one colour, or a different colour for each column.




Cut out and keep me



answers  
 Crossword: DOWN: Flamingo 2 fishing cat 3 spider monkey 4 vulture 5 macaw ACROSS 4 fish 7 emu 8 short clawed otter 9 wallaby Whose dinner? tortoises Questions: baby wallaby is called a joey; type of mammal: marsupial Anagrams: silver gibbon; wallaby; guanaco

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