

MONARTO  
ZOO



## WATERHOLE JUNIOR PRIMARY



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## For the Teacher

### General Information

Welcome to Monarto Zoo!

Monarto Zoo is a fantastic educational resource. It is a 1450 hectare open range zoo located on former farming land. Large tracts of remnant mallee scrub exist in the areas between animal enclosures, and this natural scrub is being extended annually through an on-going revegetation program which involves many community and school groups. A huge variety of native fauna roams freely in the scrub areas.

Monarto Zoo is involved in many animal conservation programs and these include both native and exotic species, with a heavy focus on threatened species from desert and arid habitats.

Experiencing Monarto Zoo and learning about animals, ecosystems and conservation can be undertaken via





- Observing and handling the huge range of prepared skins, bones and other animal biofacts at the Visitor Centre.
- A safari bus tour of animal enclosures with a commentary provided by a trained host (for groups of 22 or more students in your own bus),
- Walking through the mallee scrub on signposted tracks,
- Taking as much time as you want to observe animals from viewing platforms around the Visitor Centre and at “Bus Stops”.

Activities and tasks in this resource relate only to the African Plains enclosure which features Giraffe, Ostrich and Eland. Students can undertake these activities from the Waterhole viewing platform which is located in this area.

Nearness to the animals will vary depending on the weather, time of day and other factors. A flexible approach to completion of these activities is therefore recommended.

In planning this excursion, please consider your schedule and how you would like to arrange the class' activities on the day. Discuss this with the Tour Desk officer at the time of booking your visit, or make an appointment to speak to an Education Officer about your options.

**Estimated time to complete the Waterhole Activities: 15-20 minutes**

- Key:**
-  Observe carefully
  -  Discuss and share ideas with your group
  -  Write down your thoughts
  -  Did you know?



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Alfred James  
Memorial

Visitor's Centre

Mallee Fowl Track  
Mallee Fowl

Creek Track

The Bomas  
Boma Track

Windiana

Bretag Scrub  
Future release site  
for native animals

Chimpanzee

Ridge Track

The Waterhole

J10	Addax		M11	Giraffe	
R4	African Lion		K13	Indian Antelope	
R2	African Painted Dog		E11	Meerkat	
K11	Barbary Sheep		J14	Mesopotamian Fallow Deer	
D17	Bison		G11	Ostrich	
H14	Black Rhinoceros		E13	Przewalski's Horse	
K13	Bongo		H11	Scimitar-horned Oryx	
L5	Cheetah		Q3	Spotted Hyaena	
G12	Chimpanzee		M6	White Rhinoceros	
J13	Chital Deer		F12	Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby	
N9	Eland		I14	Zebra	

### Legend


- Lookout
- Bus Stop
- Car Park
- Toilets
- First Aid
- Cafe
- Zu-loop route
- Walking Tracks
- Creek



Monarto Zoo is smoke free.

# Water Hole Activities – Junior Primary

Quietly make your way to the end of the platform.

 Count how many of these animals you can see:

**Giraffe**

**Ostrich**

**Water bird**



**Rabbit**

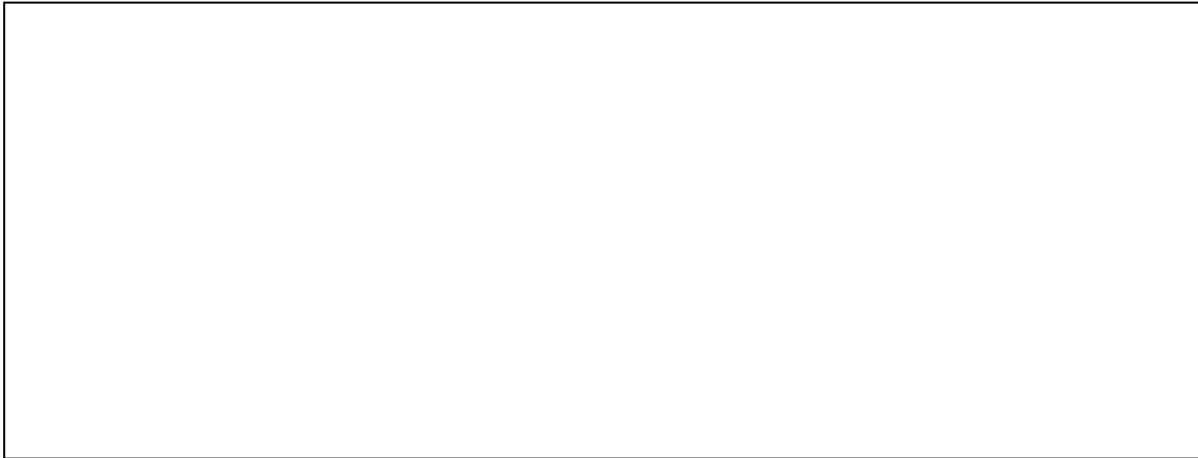
**Emu**

**Kangaroo**


**Eland**



By looking at the animals' enclosure draw a picture of what their natural habitat would be like.

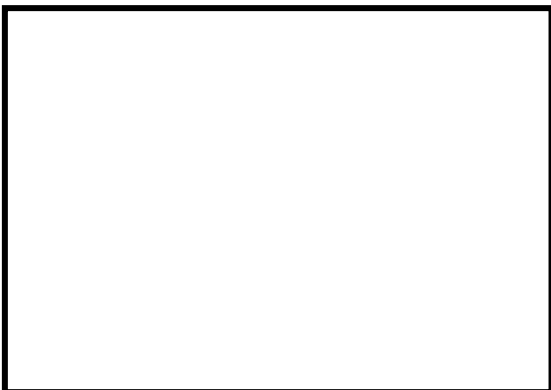


What are two types of foods they could find to eat in their natural habitat.

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Draw the patterns on the fur of the Giraffe and Eland



Why do they need patterns like these on their fur?

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The male ostriches are mostly black and the females are mostly grey.



How many males can you see?

How many females can you see?



What are the Ostriches doing?

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*Did you know that every Giraffe has a different pattern?*



*See if you can tell the difference between the patterns on the Giraffes below. Can you see differences in the Giraffes in the enclosure?*

