

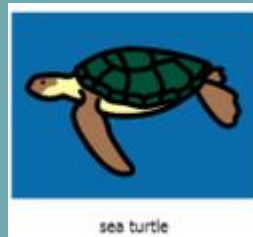
Learning all about animals through the big book series by Yuval Zommer. Adapted by Wairoa school

## Big Book of Animals



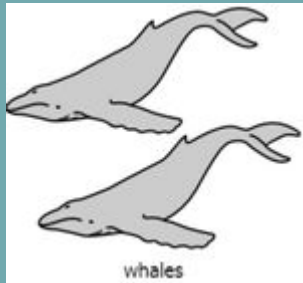
## Sea Turtles

Sea turtles have smooth shells that help them swim in the water. They do not have teeth; they have sharp edges on their jaws to help them eat. They have eyelids that are transparent; like goggles to help them see while they swim. They lay their eggs in the sand on the beach. They are bouncy like a ball. They like to eat jellyfish.



## Whales

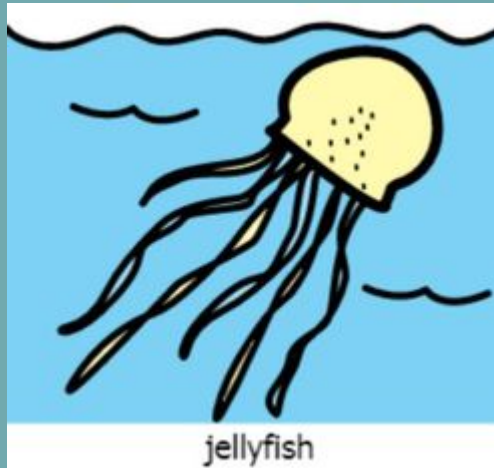
Humpback whales talk to each other by hitting their tails on the water. Other whales sing songs to each other under the water. A whale family is called pod. Whales breathe through a blow hole on their head. Some whales have teeth, others have baleen plates that are like bristly combs in their mouths.





## Jellyfish

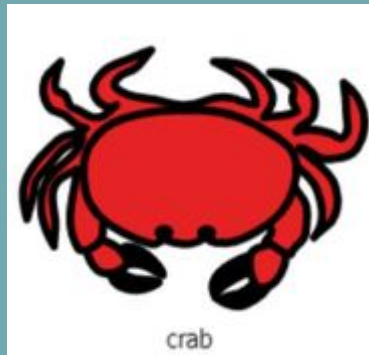
Jellyfish have no bones, brains, heart, blood or ears. Some jellyfish glow in the dark. If you cut a jellyfish in half you will have two living jellyfish. Jellyfish can sting with their tentacles. Jellyfish move with the current in the ocean or by pushing water out of its body.





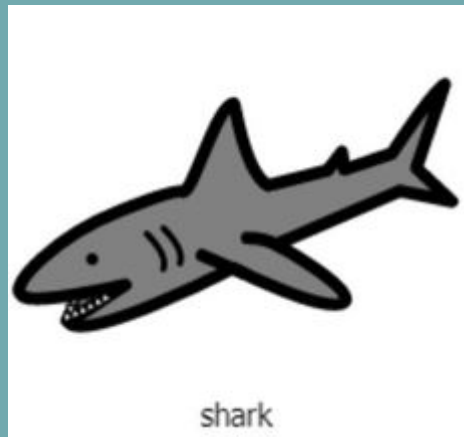
## Crabs

A crab has its bones on the outside of its body. Crabs use their claws to walk to other crabs by either waving them or tapping them on rocks. Crabs have 10 legs; 8 are used for walking and 2 are big claws. The big claws are used as hands to grab things; it also uses its claws like teeth to crush food it wants to eat. Crabs like to walk sideways.



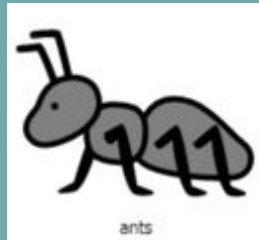
## Sharks

Sharks come in many shapes, colours, and sizes. Sharks skin feels like sandpaper. They have no bones and can see really well even in the dark.



## Ants

Ants talk to other ants by tapping them with their feelers. Ants like to walk in a line; they are following a trail that leads them to food and their nest. Ants are very strong. They can carry 50 times their own weight. Ants do not have ears and some do not have eyes. They feel vibrations in the ground with their feet.





## Bees

Bees help plants grow by transferring pollen between plants. Bees make honey; its is used for them to eat in the winter but they make enough to share with humans. Bees talk to each other by dancing or preforming a waggle dance.



## Dragonflies

Dragonflies hatch from eggs in water. After they hatch they stay in the water until they have grown wings. Dragonflies can fly up and down and hover like a helicopter. Most of their head is their eyes. They can see really well which helps them catch food to eat. They live near ponds, lakes, and rivers.



## Earthworms

Earthworms help plants grow on a farm or garden by eating dead plants and small pebbles. They turn the dead plants into castings which is healthy soil for the plants to eat. They also dig tunnels in the ground which helps give the plants roots air. They need to stay wet and slimy to live so they need lots of water. They can not see or hear but like an ant can hear vibrations in the ground.





## Beavers

Beavers build their house in a river; its called a dam. Beavers are like sea turtles and have transparent eyelids which are like goggles to help them see in the river when they are swimming. Beavers use their tails to help them swim. If they hit their tail on the water they are telling other beavers to be safe and careful. Their teeth are orange and are very strong. They use them to cut down trees for their house.



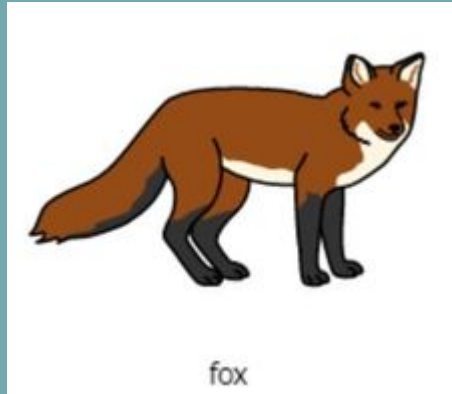
## Tigers

Tigers are good at swimming and like to swim in rivers. Tigers can run very fast and roar really loud. No two tigers have the same stripes. Tigers can live in estuaries, rainforests, savannahs and grasslands.



## Foxes

Foxes ears are in a triangle shape. Foxes live in a home that is called a den. You can find them in lots of ecosystems such as a city, forest, desert, or in the country near a farm. They like to curl up and wrap themselves in their bushy tails to keep warm.





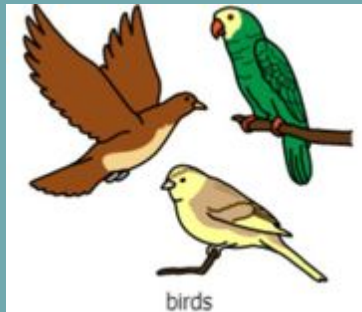
## Monkey

Monkeys live on the ground or in trees. Monkeys eat leaves, fruit, nuts, bugs and some even eat crabs. Monkeys have a thumb like humans. Most monkeys have a tail.



## City birds

City birds will use trash they find in their environment to help make their nests. Some birds like sparrows sing at a higher pitch in the city so that they can be heard over the loud traffic in a city. Some birds make their nests on top of skyscrapers; this reminds them of the cliffs and mountains they live on outside of the city.



## Parrots

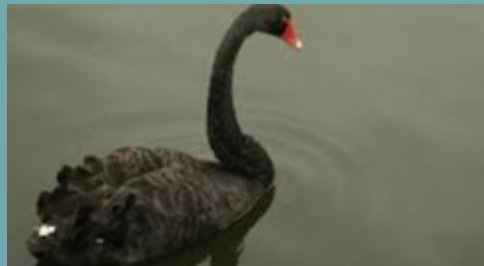
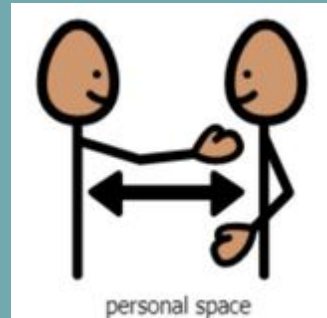
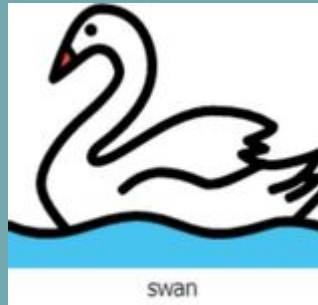
Parrots can copy your voice. Parrots eat many things like bugs, flowers, seeds, nuts, and meat. Parrots live for a long time, some live to be 100. Parrots are bright colors.





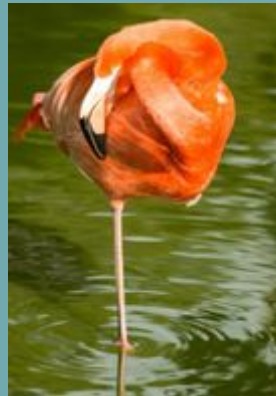
## Swans

Swans have long necks to help them reach plants, fish, frogs, and bugs to eat. Do not get close to a swan, they like their personal space. When swans fly they make a straight line with their body, when they are on the ground they make an S shape.



## Flamingos

Flamingos get their color from the pink and red shrimp and algae that they eat. Flamingos live near water in lakes, lagoons and estuaries. Flamingos will do a noisy dance to impress their friends. Flamingos sleep standing up on one leg.



## Make a home for a bird

Do you want to see birds near you home? Here are ways to help them have a safe place to live in eat in your garden. Grow plants they like to eat like sunflowers. Get a bird bath; birds use these to drink and also splash around in. Hang a bird box or bird feeder from your balcony. Fill it with food that is safe for birds to eat such as nuts and seeds.

