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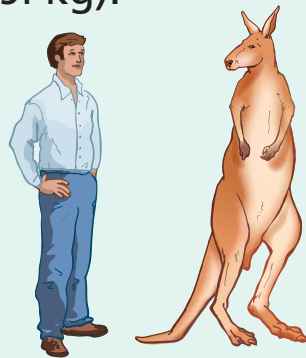
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# King-Size Kangaroos

The red kangaroo is the biggest marsupial (mar-SOO-pee-uhl) in the world.

A male red kangaroo can weigh up to 200 pounds (91 kg).



It can stand almost seven feet (2.1 m) tall.  
That's taller than most people.



A photograph of two kangaroos in a natural habitat. On the left, a large male red kangaroo stands upright, facing the camera. Its fur is a reddish-brown color. On the right, a smaller female red kangaroo stands, facing slightly to the right. Its fur is a greyish-brown color. The background consists of rolling green hills under a clear blue sky. Two callout boxes with arrows point to the respective kangaroos, and a text box in the upper right corner provides information about female kangaroos.

**male red kangaroo**

Female red kangaroos can weigh up to 88 pounds (40 kg) and stand more than 5 feet (1.5 m) tall. Their fur is usually bluish-gray, not red like a male's.

**female red kangaroo**

# Dry, Grassy Homes

Red kangaroos live in Australia.

They live on hot, dry grasslands.

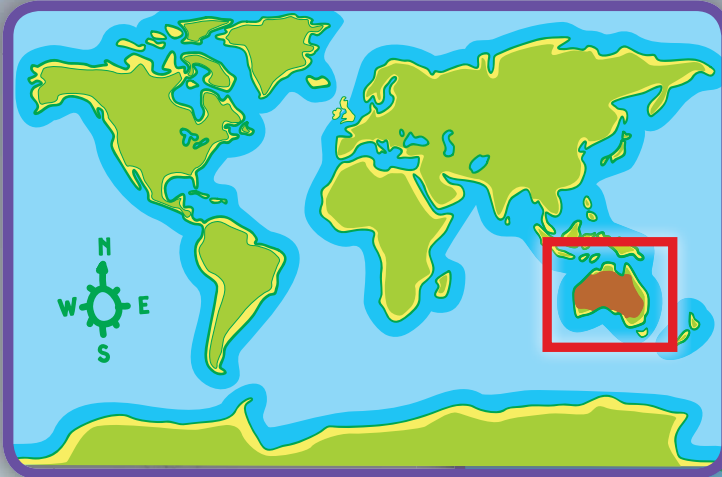
The grasses that grow there are their main food.



There is very little water in the places where red kangaroos live. Luckily, the animals can survive for many days without drinking.



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### The World's Largest Marsupial

Red kangaroos can stand up to seven feet (2.1 m) tall when they are adults, but they don't start out so big. When they are born, they are no bigger than a grape—about one inch (2.5 cm) long.

Look inside to find out how tiny baby kangaroos grow into the world's biggest marsupials. You'll also discover what these giant kangaroos eat, where they live, and how they stay safe.

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