



Platypus

The platypus belongs to the order of **monotremes**, the only mammals that lay **eggs** instead of giving birth. It is a **semiaquatic** animal whose habitat spans **Australia** and Tasmania. Its appearance is bizarre insofar as it sports a **duck beak**, a **beaver tail**, **webbed paws** and **mole fur**. It also is one of the few **venomous** mammals in the world: males' hind paws have **ankle spurs** filled with venom that they use as a hypodermic needle. Just like dolphins, they have a sense of **electroreception**, that is, they identify the position of their preys by detecting electrical fields generated by muscular contraction. Its **carnivorous** diet is based on worms, larvae and shrimp.



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