

Name: _____

Theme Based Study Sheet

Kookaburra facts

The kookaburra is the largest member of the kingfisher family.

They get their name from their laughter-like call.



They are native to Australia and New Guinea. Kookaburras usually mate for life and both the male and female care for the young.

They are sometimes called "the bushman's clock" because they often start laughing at dawn and at dusk. One will start, then other kookaburras will join in.

Their feathers are brown, black, white and blue.

They eat small snakes, lizards, insects, frogs, worms and fish.

Kookaburras nest in hollows in tree trunks and excavated termite nests.

Do you know any more facts about kookaburras?

Bird sounds

The kookaburra's "laugh" is a repeated "kook-kook-kook-ka-ka-ka" that rises and falls in volume.

Can you 'laugh' like a kookaburra?

Many birds have a very distinctive call or song.

How many bird calls can you make?

Ask your family and friends to make some bird calls. Can you identify them?

Which one did you like the best?



Writing a menu

Imagine you are opening a restaurant just for kookaburras.

What will be the name of your "kookaburra" restaurant?

What sort of meals will be on the menu? (Make a list of all the things kookaburras like to eat.)

What sort of drinks will you serve?

Design and make your menu. Think of funny names for the different meals.



Number Crunchers

1. Katie the kookaburra caught 18 worms. If she shared them equally between 2 friends and herself, how many worms would they each get?

2. Kenny the kookaburra caught 7 frogs. Karl caught 5 frogs and Kim caught 6. How many frogs did they catch altogether?

3. Kumar the kookaburra ate 28 insects. He then ate another 7 insects. How many insects did Kumar eat altogether?

4. Kara the kookaburra caught 7 little fish. How many more fish does Kara have to catch so that she'll have 12 fish?



For more fun and revision you can play games online using Studyladder's website.

Drawing

Draw a picture of a family of kookaburras sitting in a tree laughing.