



Fauna of the Gulf Region

Mammals

Sub Class	Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Monotremes	Echidna	Tachyglossus aculeatus	
Marsupials	Red Kangaroo	Macropus rufous	
	Agile Wallaby	Macropus agilis	
	Common Wallaroo	Macropus robustus	
	Antilopine Wallaroo	Macropus antilopinus	
	Northern Nail-tailed Wallaby	Onychogalea unguifera	
	Spectacled Hare Wallaby	Lagorchestes conspicillatus	
	Black-footed Rock Wallaby	Petrogale lateralis	
	Sugar Glider	Petaurus breviceps	
	Rock Ring-tail Possum	Petroseudes dahli	
	Northern Quoll	Dasyurus hallucatus	Threatened by cane toad (<i>Bufo marinus</i>)
	Stripe-faced Dunnart	Sminthopsis macroura	
	Ingram's (Long-tailed) Planigale	Planigale ingrami	
Northern Brown Bandicoot	Isoodon macrourus		
Placental Marsupials	Little Red Flying Fox	Pteropus scapulatus	Common –limited by blossom abundance
	Black Flying Fox	Pteropus alecto	Common
	Northern Blossom Bat	Macroglossus minimus	Common, limited
	Ghost Bat	Macroderma gigas	Sparse to rare
	Dusky Leaf-nosed Bat	Hipposideridae ater	
	Yellow-bellied Sheath-tail Bat	Saccolaimus flaviventris	
	Little Northern Mastiff (Free-tail) Bat	Mormopterus loriae	Uncommon, widespread
	Beccari's Mastiff (Free-tail) Bat	Mormopterus beccarii	Common, widespread, possibly underestimated
	Northern Queensland Long-eared Bat	Nyctophilus spp.	Common
	Gould's Wattled Bat	Chalinolobus gouldi	Abundant
	Hoary Wattled Bat	nigr-griseus	Common, widespread
	Large-footed Mouse-eared Bat	Myotis macropus	Comparatively rare over its limited range
	Little Broad-nosed Bat	Scotorepens greyii	Common
	Western Broad-nosed Bat	Scotorepens spp.	Common

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Placental Marsupials	Timor Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus spp.	Common, limited
	Water Rat	Hydromys chrysogaster	
	Common Rock Rat	Zyzomys argurus	
	Delicate Mouse	Pseudomys delicatulus	
	Pale Field Rat	Rattus tunneyi	
	Long-haired Rat	Rattus villosissimus	
	House Mouse	*Mus domesticus	
	Feral Cat	*Felis catus	
	Brumby	*Equus caballus	Common, limited
	Feral Pig	*Sus scrpfa	Common, limited
	Swamp Buffalo	*Bubalis bubalis	Common, limited
	Others...		

Reptiles

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Crocodiles	Freshwater Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus johnstoni</i>	
	Saltwater (Estuarine) Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>	Common, none found in KFC waterhole in last 40 years
Turtles	Saw-shelled Turtle	<i>Elseya latisternum</i>	
	Northern Short-necked River Turtle	<i>Emydura victoriae</i>	Common
Lizards	Bynoe's Prickly Gecko	<i>Heteronotia binoei</i>	
	Top End Dtella	<i>Gehyra australis</i>	
	Rough Knob-tailed Gecko	<i>Nephrurus asper</i>	
	Marbled Velvet Gecko	<i>Oedura marmorata</i>	2 spp.
	Pale-snouted Ground Gecko	<i>Diplodactylus stenodactylus</i>	
	Northern Spiny-tailed Gecko	<i>Diplodactylus ciliaris</i>	
	Burton's Snake Lizard	<i>Lialis burtonis</i>	
	Sharp-snouted Delma	<i>Delma nasuta</i>	3 spp.
	Frilled Lizard	<i>Chlamydosaurus kingii</i>	
	Ring-tailed Bicycle-dragon	<i>Ctenophorus caudicinctus</i>	
	Gilbert's Lashtail Dragon	<i>Amphibolurus gilberti</i>	
	Northern Two-line Dragon	<i>Diporiphora bilineata</i>	3 spp.
	Lined Earless Dragon	<i>Tympanocryptis lineata</i>	
	Ocellate Ridge-tailed Monitor	<i>Varanus acanthurus</i>	
	Mertens' Water Monitor	<i>Varanus mertensi</i>	
	Sand Monitor	<i>Varanus gouldii</i>	
	Yellow-spotted Monitor	<i>Varanus panoptes</i>	
	Black-tailed Monitor	<i>Varanus tristis</i>	
	Bauxite Rainbow-skink	<i>Carlia amax</i>	
	Callose-palmed Shinning-skink	<i>Cryptoblepharus plagiocephalus</i>	3 spp.
	Blotched Shinning-skink	<i>Cryptoblepharus megastictus</i>	
	Ctenotus (Comb-ear)	<i>Ctenotus</i> spp.	Abundant 9 spp.
	Sand-swimmers	<i>Eremiascincus</i> spp.	2 spp.
Sliders	<i>Lerista</i> spp.	2 spp.	
Dwarf Skinks	<i>Menetia</i> spp.	4 spp.	
Common Blue-tongued	<i>Tiliqua scincoides</i>	2 spp.	

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Snakes	Blind or Worm Snake	Typhlopidae spp.	4 spp.
	Children's Python	Antaresia childreni	
	Black-head Python	Aspidites melanocephalus	
	Water Python	Liasis fuscus	
	Olive Python	Liasis olivaceus	
	Carpet Python	Morelia oenpelliensis	
	Arafura File Snake	Acrochordus arafurae	
	Green Tree Snake	Dendrelaphis punctulata	2 spp.
	Whip Snake	Demansia spp.	2 spp.
	Orange-naped Snake	Furina ornata	
	Western & Eastern Brown Snake	Pseudonaja spp.	
	Mulga (King Brown) Snake	Pseudechis australis	
	Eastern Bandy-bandy	Vermicella annulata	
	Small-eyed Snake (Eastern & Western Carpentarian)	Cryptophis spp.	
	Curl Snake	Denisonia suta	
	Ringed Brown Snake	Pseudechis modesta	
	Southern Shovel-nosed Snake	Brachyurophis semifasciatus	Rare to sparse
	Others ...		

Amphibians

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Ornate Burrowing Frog	Limnodynastes ornatus	
Uperoleian Toadlets	Uperoleia spp.	2 spp.
Giant (Round) Frog	Cyclorana australis	
Water-holding Frog	Cyclorana platycephala	
(Striped) Rocket Frog	Litoria nasuta	
Dahl's Aquatic Frog	Litoria dahlii	
Northern Dwarf Frog	Litoria bicolor	
Green Tree Frog	Litoria caerulea	
(Naked) Red Tree Frog	Litoria rubella	
Pale Frog	Litoria pallida	
Roth's Tree Frog	Litoria rothi	
Cane Toad	*Bufo marinus	
Others ...		

Invertebrates ~ Arthropods (just some to look out for)

<i>Insects</i>	Worms Dragonflies and Damselflies Termites Mantids Crickets and Grasshoppers Stick and Leaf Insects Cicadas Beetles Flies, Mosquitoes and Midgees
<i>Butterflies and Moths</i>	
<i>Wasps, Bees and Ants</i>	
<i>Centipedes and Millipedes</i>	
<i>Scorpions</i>	
<i>Spiders</i>	
<i>Others...</i>	

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❖ Reference: The Reader's Digest Encyclopedia of Australian Wildlife (1997)

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