

NATURE NOTEBOOK - ANIMALS



Name of Animal: Laughing Kookaburra

Scientific Name (Genus/Species): Dacelo novaeguineae

Description: A brown and white bird with a large head and bill.

Date: Dec. 20, 2007 Location: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

What does it eat? Large insects, lizards, snakes and small mammals.

Where does it live? Eastern Australia

How big is it? Length: 47 cm (18 inches). Weight: 500 grams (17.6 oz.).

What did it do while you were watching? It took pieces of chicken from our hands. It knocked the meat against a railing before swallowing it.

It flew to a tree and took some pieces to a baby kookaburra.

What else did you learn about it? It can make a loud laughing sound.

It was not afraid of humans.