

Return to 1616

Create a Diary Extract

In 1699, William Dampier described what is thought to be a banded hare-wallaby in his diary:

"The Land-Animals that we saw here were only a sort of Racoons, different to those of the West Indies chiefly as to their Legs; for these have very short Fore-Legs; but go jumping upon them as the others do (and like them are good meat)".



Can you imagine being one of the European crew members arriving in Australian waters, coming ashore, and seeing one of the *Return to 1616* animals for the very first time? Create a journal extract from the point of view of a member of the expedition describing one of the *Return to 1616* animals.

Write here:

-  Shark Bay bandicoot
-  Chuditch
-  Brush-tailed mulgara
-  Dibbler
-  Greater stick-nest rat
-  Desert mouse
-  Shark Bay mouse
-  Heath mouse
-  Woylie
-  Boodie
-  Western grasswren