

Kookaburra

Its full name is the **Laughing Kookaburra** and they're a member of the kingfisher family.

They're often found in small family groups, so if you see one, there may be others nearby - watching you!



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Kookaburras can sometimes be seen sitting in a tree well above the ground, quietly watching for a lizard or small snake, and then drop without a sound grabbing their lunch in their beak as they touch the ground.

Here's a kookaburra shaking off the water after a dip in a bird bath - just like a dog shaking when wet.



Laughing Kookaburra (Mary)



Laughing Kookaburra (Fiona Lumsden)

The laugh of the kookaburra, which is often joined in by other family members, is a warning to other birds that this is their neighbourhood so keep away.

It is amusing to hear a young kookaburra trying to laugh. It's so funny that the rest of the family start laughing.

The kookaburra is the bird emblem of New South Wales.

Listen and watch for kookaburras - they are the quietest of birds except when they hear a good joke.



Have you seen a kookaburra?

Was the kookaburra alone?

Have you heard a kookaburra?

Can you laugh like a kookaburra?