

# Australia, the Land Down Under



The Australian Echidna



The Australian echidna, also called the spiny ant eater, eats termites and ants. The echidna's long snout is its nose and mouth—it does not have any teeth. It uses its strong claws to tear open old logs and anthills, then uses its long, sticky tongue to collect its food. The echidna and the platypus are the only egg-laying mammals in the world.