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# Eastern Gray Kangaroo

*Macropus giganteus*

Macropus giganteus reveals something counterintuitive about hopping: above a certain speed, going faster costs a kangaroo almost no extra energy. The huge Achilles and other leg tendons act as spring…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal
**Family:** Macropodidae
**Habitat:** Open woodland, forest, and grassland
**Diet:** Herbivore
**Conservation status:** Least Concern
**Lifespan:** 8-15 years
**Weight:** 17–66 kg (37–146 lbs)
**Scientific name:** Macropus giganteus

## Did you know?

- The Eastern Gray Kangaroo is so prevalent in some regions that its population sometimes exceeds that of humans in Australia.
- A female eastern grey can simultaneously support an embryo in diapause, a tiny joey attached to one teat, and a larger joey at foot on another — prod…

## What I learned

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