

The World's Highest Hoppers



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A female impala, hopping

Grasshoppers are great hoppers. But there are many other animals that hop.

Impalas live in Africa. Impalas can hop nearly 10 feet into the air. Impalas can hop over other impalas. Impalas can hop over lions. Impalas are very fast.

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European hare

Hares are great hoppers. Hares are a kind of wild rabbit. Hares are larger than rabbits. Hares also have longer ears. The European hare is very fast. It can run 40 miles per hour. It can jump 10 feet in the air.

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Kangaroos live in Australia. Kangaroos are the largest animals that hop. Red kangaroos are the biggest. Some are nearly seven feet tall.

Kangaroos have powerful hind legs. Kangaroos have long, strong tails. Kangaroos have large hind feet. These help the kangaroo hop. Kangaroos are fast hoppers, too. Red kangaroos can move 43 miles an hour. Red kangaroos can jump six feet in the air. Red kangaroos can go 25 feet in a single hop.



A red kangaroo eats grass

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Impalas are a kind of antelope. Impalas live in Africa. Impalas can jump nearly 10 feet into the air. Impalas are also fast runners. They use their skills to get away from large cats. Lions, leopards, and cheetahs like to eat impalas.

Impalas are about three feet tall. Males have long horns. Females do not have horns. Impalas live in groups called herds.



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Rabbits are famous jumpers. But hares are the best jumpers of all. Hares are a kind of wild rabbit. Hares are larger than rabbits. Hares also have longer ears. The European hare is very fast. It can run 40 miles per hour. It can jump up to 10 feet.

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Hares usually live alone. But they hang out in groups in the spring. A group of hares is called a drove. Male hares box with each other. They hit each other with their front legs. They do this to see which is strongest.

Kangaroos live in Australia. Kangaroos are the largest hopping land animal. Red kangaroos are the biggest. Some can be almost seven feet tall.

Kangaroos have powerful hind legs. They have a long muscular tail. They have large hind feet. These things help the kangaroo hop. They are fast hoppers, too. Red kangaroos can move at 43 miles an hour over short distances. They can jump six feet high. They can go 25 feet in a single jump.



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Grasshoppers are great hoppers. But there are many others high hopping animals. Here are some of the best hoppers in the world.

The impala is one of the highest hoppers. Impalas live in Africa. They can jump nearly 10 feet into the air. Impalas are also fast runners. They use their skills to get away from predators such as lions, leopards, and cheetahs.

Impalas grow to be about three feet tall. Males are called rams and have long, ringed horns. Females are called ewes and do not have horns. Impalas live in groups called herds.

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Hares live in nests above the ground. They usually live alone, but meet in groups in the springtime. A group of hares is called a drove. The males compete to show who's strongest. They box with each other, using their front legs like fists. The boxing matches can go on for a long time and the strongest hare usually wins.

Australia is home to many kinds of animals that hop. The most famous is the kangaroo, which is also the largest hopping land animal. Red kangaroos are the biggest type of kangaroo. Large males can be nearly seven feet tall and weigh 200 pounds.

Kangaroos have powerful hind legs, a long muscular tail, and large hind feet. These things help the kangaroo jump and hop. They are fast hoppers, too. Red kangaroos can move at 43 miles an hour over short distances. They can jump six feet high. They can travel 25 feet in a single jump.



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