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POPULAR NAMES FOR MARSUPIALS

It has long been felt that the study of Natural History in Western Australia has been hampered by the absence of popular names for most of our animals, and by the confusion resulting from a lack of uniformity in the use of the few already in existence.

Acting on behalf of the Trustees, the Curator of the Museum therefore convened a meeting, held at the Museum on August 16th, 1928, when the following list was prepared and recommended for general adoption. In some instances well established English names have been retained, but in the majority of cases use has been made of native names recorded by Grey, Gould or Fletcher Moore, where it has been possible to identify the animal to which the name was applied. The scientific names are those used by Le Souef and Burrell in "The Wild Animals of Australasia," London, 1926.

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Bettongia lesueuri grayi	Boodie
Bettongia penicillata	Woolie
Choeropus castanotis	Pig-footed Bandicoot
Dromicia concinna	Mundarda
Dasyurus geoffroyi fortis	Chuditch
Isodon obesulus	Quenda
Lagorchestes hirsutus hirsutus	Wurru
Lagostrophus fasciatus albipilis	Munning
Macropus brachyurus	Quolka
Macropus eugenii	Tammar
Macropus giganteus	Grey Kangaroo
Macropus irma	Brush
Macropus robustus cervinus	Biggada
Macropus robustus erubescens	Euro
Macropus robustus woodwardi	Woodward's Wallaroo
Macropus rufus occidentalis	Red Kangaroo
Myrmecobius fasciatus	Numbat
Onychogale lunata	Wurrung
Petrogale hacketti	Hackett's Red Wallaby
Petrogale lateralis	Rock Wallaby
Perameles myosura myosura	Marl
Phascogale apicalis	Dibbler
Phascogale calura	Red-tailed Wambenger
Phascogale flavipes leucogaster	Mardo
Phascogale penicillata	Wambenger
Pseudochirus occidentalis	Ring-Tail
Sminthopsis crassicaudata	Fat-Tailed Dunnart
Sminthopsis murina	Dunnart
Tachyglossus aculeatus	Echidna
Tarsipes spenserae	Honey Mouse
Thalacomys lagotis	Dalgite
Trichosurus vulpecula	Possum

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