

## What do Echidnas Eat?

Echidnas use their beaks (noses) to dig underneath the soil surface to search for grubs, earthworms, and other insects. Their favorite choice of food is earthworms. They spend most of their time foraging for these tasty grubs.

## What else is unique about Echidnas?

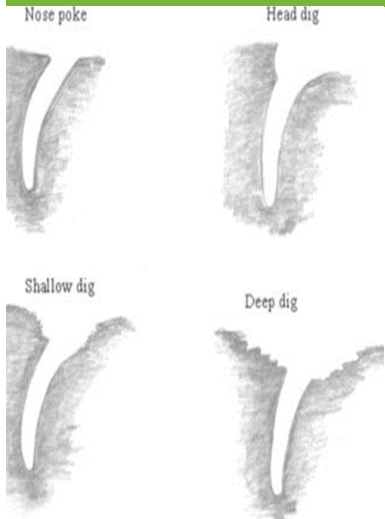
Unlike other mammals echidnas do not have nipples instead they have milk patches that secrete milk for their young. They are solitary creatures and only congregate during mating and are polygamous.

## Why is it endangered?

*“The principal threats to echidnas are loss of habitat and hunting pressure both of which are prevalent in New Guinea” (Opiang 2009)*

# The Endangered Western Long-Beaked Echidna

## Zaglossus Bruijni



## One of the Only Egg-Laying Mammals

Echidnas are members of the Monotreme family which includes platypuses. They are spiny creatures who reproduce via laying a singular egg which will eventually hatch a puggle, or a baby echidna, which will be born into a burrow created for it by its mother to protect it against predators.



## Protected Fauna of Papua New Guinea



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Echidna Puggle  
Hatching from the egg



### What is a Puggle?

A puggle is a baby echidna, they are born when they hatch out of their very small eggs. They are born without sight and without their spines which they will slowly develop shortly after birth.



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What is the Echidna also known as?

\*\*\*\*\* The Spiny Anteater\*\*\*\*\*

