

The Platypus

QUESTION SHEET LEVEL ONE [Updated Tuesday, 4 May 2004]

Platypuses lay eggs. What is the scientific name for a mammal that lays eggs?

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For how long do female platypuses incubate their eggs?

One day Four days Ten days Thirty days

For how long do baby platypuses (puggles) stay in the nest burrow?

One month two months three months

What does the female platypus feed her babies in the nest burrow?

Mother's milk Yabbies fish

Does a platypus open its eyes underwater in order to catch food?

Yes No

Is it true that a male platypus has a poison spur on the inside of both legs?

Yes No

How long can a platypus stay underwater? Up to

1 minute three minutes six minutes

Do platypuses have teeth with which to chew their food?

Yes No

The beak of the platypus is very important in helping the animal find its food?

True False

Name the other egg laying mammal

Wombat Echidna Dingo