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In many of the old Tarzan movies, the jungle sounds were often recordings of the laughing kookaburra call, which lives nowhere near Africa.



LAUGHING KOOKABURRA

Dacelo novaeguineae

The Laughing Kookaburra is named after its call. One bird starts with a low, hiccuping chuckle, then throws its head back in raucous laughter: often several others join in.



The laughing kookaburra is the largest member of the Kingfisher family. Their stout beaks can grow to 4 inches (10 centimeters).

FACTS & FIGURES	
Where found	Eastern Mainland Australia
Habitat	Open woodlands, forests, even busy towns.
Diet	Lizards, snakes, amphibians, small mammals, birds, and occasionally fish.
Average length	47cm tall
Number of eggs	2-4 eggs
Incubation	25-29 days
Max Lifespan in captivity	Up to 20 years. Around 12 years in the wild.



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