

Nature & Culture – animal as object

Caloundra Regional Gallery 13th Dec 2024 – 2nd Feb 2025

Catalogue of works

Based on years of observation and research within the bird and mammal collections at the Queensland Museum, this body of work by Deb Mostert seeks to explore the objectification of animals in nature through taxidermy, and in culture through the souvenir.

Through mashups of early scientific taxonomy charts and illustrations, museum taxidermy, pop culture and the mass-produced souvenir, this body of work is presented as a contemporary Wunderkammer (a cabinet of curiosity). It asks questions about artifice, collection, consumerism, mimicry, wonder and beauty.



1. Humpback Whale fibreglass, paint, steel, wire Queensland Museum, Australia 2. Humpback whale Nich Bibby bronze Pangolin Editions, Gloucestershire 3. Humpback whale PVC Collect A China 4. Humpback Whale Figurine Paper brand plastic PVC China 5. Humpback whale replica toy rubber Collectible Wildlife Gifts, China 6. Humpback Whale Ninja Sealife PVC Flammable Toys, China 7. Blue Whale Figurine Bath Toy Monopoly PVC China 8. Humpback whale replica rubber Collectible Wildlife Gifts, China 9. Humpback Whale carved wood, paint, maker unknown 10. Sperm Whale earthenware Pottery designed by Tony Morris, Poole Museum, UK 11. Megalodon Whale Model Action figure PVC Ocean Sea Life Savage, Ali Express, China 12. Whale porcelain Indro Valencia, Spain 13. Humpback Whale Plush Toy Collectible Wild Republic Australia, China 14. Humpback Whale bronze sculpture by Rachel Alexandra Lander, Nancy France 15. Whale 'Lumpy' crocheted wool handmade, Australia 16. Whale organic cotton yarn, hand crocheted, hypoallergenic stuffing designed by Izabela Ershahin, handcrafted by artisan mothers, Turkey 17. Blue Whale Wooden Toy rubber wood, paint, Lanka Kade fair trade Sri Lanka 18. Blue Whale Dog chew toy Faux Leather and Canvas, Toys & Claws, China 19. Humpback Whale plastic magnetic toy Half Toy, China 20. Whale Miniature Figurine Animal Hand Glass Yunyu, China 21. Blue Whale Ride On Inflatable PVC Bestway Argosy Toys UK, China 22. Blue Whale Miniature Porcelain Figurine Little Critterz, USA 23. Blue Whale figurine handmade blown glass, China 24. Blue Whale Figurine porcelain hand made Anka Christof Enigma Supplies, UK 25. Whale brooch, layered plastic (resin) brooch, limited edition, hand made Erwinölder Melbourne, Australia 26. Whale and Jonah plush toy Waimart, USA, China 27. Humpback Whale 3D model kit cardboard, glue, beads Eagy, New Zealand 28. Whale toy plastic Duplo, Nyíregyháza, Hungary

Whale as Object

2024

55 x 77 cm

Watercolour

\$2800

OWL AS OBJECT



1. Powerful Owl mount taxidermy skin, wire, coir, possum skin, log, Queensland Museum. 2. Powerful Owl mount taxidermy skin, wire, coir, Queensland Museum. 3. Powerful Owl scalp, wadding, Queensland Museum. 4. Owl plush model synthetic faux fur Averina Olesya, Russia. 5. Eagle owl, plastic, Safari Ltd China. 6. Forest Owl model, plastic figurine Diweini, China. 7. Horned Owl, vintage figurine, ceramic maker unknown. 8. Owl vintage ceramic Wurtpoint Australia. 9. Powerful Owl bronze Lucy Meschery, Australia. 10. Owl polyester Alibaba, China. 11. Owl hand puppet soft plush toy Folkmanis, China. 12. Bearded owl, plush, Stoff Taxisia. 13. Giant Owl, plush, Melissa and Doug, China. 14. Great Horned Owl, synthetic plush Wild Republic Australia, China. 15. Owl Christmas ornament, glass, glitter, Golden Bell Collection, Czech Republic. 16. Owl plush toy Guad, China. 17. Owl ornament, ceramic, Japan. 18. Owl vintage ceramic, Lindros, Europe. 19. Owl decoy figurine, plastic, hooter Walmart, China. 20. Owl Beanie boo, plush toy, FY, China. 21. Owl vintage figurine, ceramic, Ozglul, Japan. 22. Owl plush character figure Disney, China. 23. Owl solar dancing, plastic, Amazon, China. 24. Owl Percy plush toy, Redline Original, China. 25. Owl stuffed character toy Frost and Giggle ABC, Jansore, China. 26. Owl figurine, porcelain Herold, Hungary. 27. Owl figurine, PVC Disney, China.

Owl as Object

2023

55 x 77 cm

Watercolour

\$2800

SHARK AS OBJECT



1. Holotype Grey nurse shark skin Qld Museum 2. Grey nurse cast fibreglass resin Qld Museum 3. Grey shark figurine enamel China 4. Mako shark pvc Collecta Toys 5. Nurse shark handpainted figurine Safari 6. Great white shark plastic Playmobil 7. Bull shark plastic BPA free Safari 8. Oceanic white tip shark plastic non toxic Safari 9. White shark deluxe PVC China 10. Great white shark plastic Schleich 11. Great white shark rubber Qld Museum 12. Great white shark rubber Bowkin Gear 13. Shark handpuppet rubber Wobley 14. Blue shark pvc battery operated China 15. Grey shark plastic Lego 16. Shark soft plush Qld Museum 17. Shark clockwork bath toy China 18. Shark robot transformer toy plastic Knockout Novelties 19. Baby shark sing swim toy plastic Pinkfong 20. Shark submarine remote control plastic, metal Wumdee 21. Shark suit miniature plastic Lego 22. Shark grabber claw plastic L'Hocho 23. Shark soft plush toy pp cotton Pinkfong 24. Shark inflatable pool toy vinyl China 25. Shark solar powered dancing plastic China 26. Shark soap dish ceramic Boston Warehouse

Shark as Object
 2019
 46 x 61 cm
 watercolour
 \$2800

FROG AS OBJECT



1. Giant Burreed Frog, painted resin cast, Queensland Museum 2. Giant Burreed Frog, painted resin cast, Queensland Museum 3. Frog fence ornament, painted resin, Happy Piranha, China 4. Frog ceramic Zouzouli USA 5. Frog ornament, resin, Vivid Arts UK 6. Frog gaiter instrument, wood, Slow Manoe, Thailand 7. Frog bath toy, plastic, India 8. Frog plush toy, synthetic Fair Dinkum Gifts, China 9. Frog ornament, ceramic, Golden Pond Collection, China 10. Frog garden ornament, pvc, Michael Carr designs, China 11. Frog clickwork toy, tin, V&A museum, China 12. Frog kicking bath toy, plastic, Toyopress, China 13. Frog figurine, France porcelain Rainforest Little Dwellers, China 14. Sniffing, plastic, Safari Ltd, China 15. Frog money bank, porcelain, maker unknown 16. Frog figurine, porcelain, Crystal Castle, China 17. Frog Frog promotional toy, The Cha, pvc, Rainforest Cafe, China 18. Frog toy, wood, fabric, Carousal Mount Bay Bags, China 19. Frog Jumping Leap Frog game plastic, Usamodra, China 20. Frog plush toy, The Princess and the Frog Disney, Alibaba, China 21. Frog baby toy, plush sew materials, Cozyres, China 22. Frog baby toy, crochet cotton, Mianshihui Toy 23. Frog promotional toy, plush synthetic, Sheek Frog King Herald Dreamworks, China 24. Frog promotional toy, pvc, Frogger, Fisher's Minn Mysteries, China 25. Frog promotional figurine, pvc, Michigan 4 Frog figurine, China 26. Frog Marvel Legend Frogman action toy, pvc, China 27. Frog collectible art figurine, Kermit the hand, Emilio Nohra, Spain 28. Frog character figurine, plastic, Kermit the Frog, Jim Henson, China

Frog as Object
 2022
 Framed print
 76 x 104 cm
 \$900

KOALA AS OBJECT



1. Koala coin bank fluffed plastic vintage Hong Kong. 2. Koala study skin Old Museum Australia. 3. Koala toy rabbit fur leather Old Museum Australia. 4. Koala Money box plastic A.W. ALLEN Ltd, Australia. 5. Koala figurine ceramic vintage Goshel Germany. 6. Koala Bear vintage toy real fur glass eyes Australia. 7. Koala cereal toy plastic Kellogg Australia. 8. Caramello Koala chocolate and caramel centre Cadbury Australia. 9. Koala cuddly toy plush Kool Toys China. 10. Koala keyring craft-collectible leather Japan. 11. Koala mounted specimen koala skin, wire, oil-walking Old Museum Australia. 12. Koala toy figurine PVC Littlest Pet Shop China. 13. Koala figurine resin Collecta China. 14. Koala toy crocheted stuffed Australia. 15. Koala figurine ceramic pottery Australian. 16. Koala collectible figurine resin Village Toys China. 17. Koala clip on plush China. 18. Koala figurine porcelain Little critters Thailand. 19. Koala figurine glazed ceramic Bing and Grondahl Denmark. 20. Koala toy soft plush stuffed Heccheta China. 21. Koala garden decor resin China. 22. Koala figurine resin Schleich China. 23. Koala mini LED night light soft plastic casing Coos Girls China. 24. Koala collectible polymer clay Kennerby Originals USA. 25. Koala backpack pre Nahon China. 26. Koala plush baby toy Tobabyfat China. 27. Koala toy soft plush pp cotton China. 28. Koala Borobi mascot plush toy China. 29. Koala porcelain Herend Hungary. 30. Koala PVC Playmobil Goebel Germany. 31. Koala figurine fitted wood handmade Emy Ukraine. 32. Koala stacking puzzle wooden Misa Vavro Czech Republic. 33. Koala Figurine ceramic Grace Becombe Australia.

Koala as Object
 2020
 watercolour
 60 x 88 cm
 \$2800

TURTLE AS OBJECT



1. Loggerhead Turtle taxidermy Queensland Museum. 2. Sea Turtle taxidermy vintage Ebay 3. Green Sea Turtle taxidermy Carters Antiques. 4. Loggerhead Turtle hatchling cast Queensland Museum 5. Sea Turtle figurine resin Schleich China 6. Turtle miniature paperweight copper Etsy 7. Turtle handcarved ornament timber Worth point Ascension. 8. Sea Turtle figurine resin Green Tree Products 9. Sea turtle ceramic Union Gifts 10. Green Sea Turtle resin Safari China 11. Green Turtle resin Animals of Australia China 12. Turtle polyester plush Crash Disney Store China 13. Green Turtle plush Keyring Seaworld China 14. Green Sea Turtle plush McDonalds toy National Geographic China 15. Sea Turtle plastic toy Playmobil Germany 16. Sea Turtle stuffed plush Wild Republic China. 17. Green Sea Turtle swimming toy Trend Hunter China 18. Turtle plush squishy dog toy Hugghounds USA 19. Sea Turtle plastic Natans Kinder Surprise China 20. Turtle figurine glass Dale Tiffany 21. Turtle polyester plush China. 22. Turtle miniature plastic parts four China 23. Turtle polyester plush Aurora China 24. Turtle inflatable ring on pvc Inzer China 25. Turtle ABS plastic LEGO Denmark 26. Turtle Pokemon Squirtle pvc Takara Tomy Japan 27. Turtle Franklin character doll pvc vinyl Amazon 28. Turtle Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Leonardo action figure plastic Nickelodeon China 29. Turtle Minecraft minifigure plastic China.

Turtle as Object
 2022
 Framed print
 76 x104cm
 \$900



1. Bridled Nail-tail Wallaby Lenox Smithsonian porcelain Thailand 2. Bridled Nail-tail Wallaby mounted taxidermy skin, wire, eair wadding Queensland Museum Australia 3. Wallaby Safari Ltd PVC China 4. Nail-tail Wallaby Forgotten Friends series Yovies A1S plastic China 5. Bridled Nail-tail Wallaby soft toy non-allergic wool and synthetic fur fabrics Jozzies Australia 6. Bridled Nail-tail Wallaby plush toy acrylic China 7. Wallaby and Joey figurine Schleich resin China 8. Wallaby figurine Safari Toys resin China 9. Wallaby eco friendly plush synthetic fibre recyclable fill Wildlife Artists USA 10. Wallaby soft toy synthetic plush new materials Taronga 11. Kangaroo figurine ceramic Wade England 12. Kangaroo porcelain Little Critters Thailand 13. Kangaroo porcelain hand painted porcelain Hungary 14. Kangaroo cold painted bronze figurine Franz Bergman Austria 15. Wallaby vintage toy figurine real fur wool 16. Wallaby plush toy new materials Bocetta Indonesia 17. Kangaroo toy plastic Hong Kong 18. Kangaroo Shippy cereal toy plastic Kellogg's R&L Melbourne 19. Kangaroo Buaroo cereal toy Kellogg's R&L Melbourne 20. Kangaroo vintage wind up toy tin felt ears leather tail Kuhner US Zone Germany 21. Kangaroo plush toy Disney China 22. Wallaby figurine hand painted alder Forest-Melody Russia 23. Kangaroo inflatable toy PVC China 24. Kangaroo puzzle toy beechwood Kaper Kids 25. Wallaby plush toy mascot synthetic Mick Simmons China

Wallaby as Object

2021

watercolour 58 x

41 cm

\$2800



Shrimp Hook Plush Whale 2023 oil on canvas 102 x 72 cm \$3500



Single Use Squid Soy Plastic 2024 oil on canvas 102 x 72 cm \$3500



Single Use Smile Plush Turtle 2024 oil on canvas 102 x 72 cm \$3500



Single Use Plush Hermit Crabs 2024 oil on canvas 102 x 72 cm \$3500



Soy Sauce Shark 2019 142 x 76 oil on canvas timber frame NFS



Play Prey 1- 6 2024 oil and oil pencil on linen board 30 x 30 cm each \$490



Souvenir Stuffed Glass Vitrine with birds

2024

80 x 106 cm oil

on canvas

\$3500



Taxidermy Stuffed Glass Vitrine with birds
2024
80 x 106 cm oil
on canvas
\$3500



Blind Koala

2021

29 x 54 cm oil

pencil on

paper on board

\$900



Blind Koala Arm

2022

43 x 38 cm pencil
on paper on board
timber frame

\$1600



Common Koala Souvenir Anatomy 2022 watercolour on paper on board 24 x 24 cm \$800



Deer Mount
2022
20 x 30
watercolour
on paper on
board timber
frame and
ready made
collectible
\$900



Moose Mount

2021

26 x 31 cm

watercolour on
panel and ready
made collectible
\$900



Owl Mount

2022

33 x 45cm

watercolour on paper

on board timber

frame and ready

made collectible

\$1200



Owlet Nightjar Mounts

2022

26 x 31 cm

watercolour on paper on
board

\$900



Birds of Prey mounts
2022
40 x 60 cm
watercolour on paper
on board
\$1000



Duck Cutaway

2022

40 x 60cm

watercolour on
paper on board

timber frame

\$1400



Bilby Evolution

2022

28 x 33 cm

watercolour on
paper on board

\$900

Platypus (Ornithorhynchus anatinus)

figure 1. taxidermy platypus



figure 2. skulls



figure 3. foot

figure 4. Flat Bonnie® plush toy



figure 5. Wild Republic® plush toy



Platypus Science

2022

38 x 38 cm

watercolour on
paper on board

timber frame

\$1200



Echidna Science

2022

24 x 30cm

watercolour on paper on
board timber frame and
ready made collectible

\$900



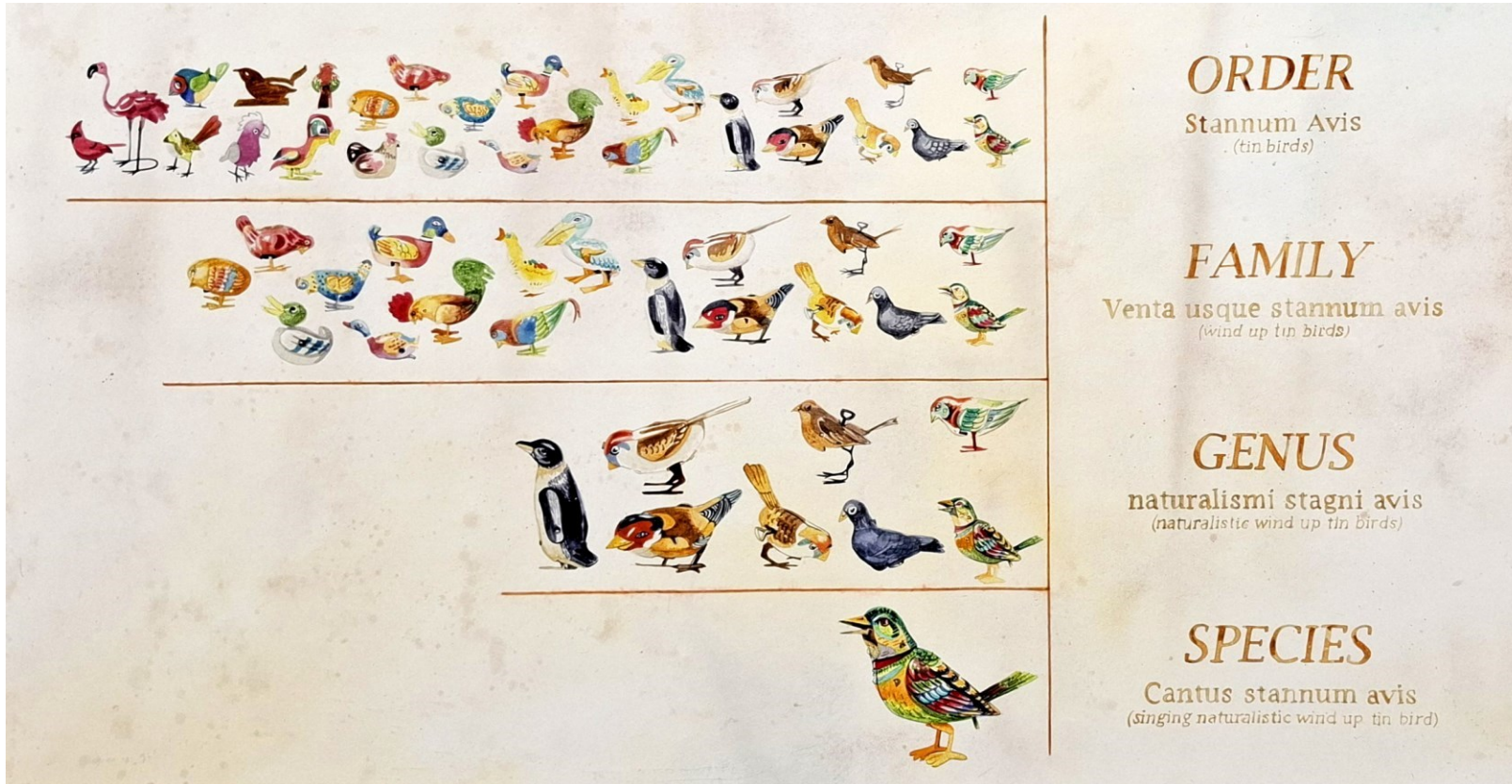
Emu Science

2022

24.5 x 30cm

watercolour on paper
on board timberframe
and ready made
collectible

\$900



The Order of Tin Birds 2024 watercolour on paper on board 72 x 42 cm \$1500



Stuffed Koala 2021 26 x 31 cm watercolour on panel \$900



Stuffed Octopus 2021 26 x 31 watercolour on paper on board and ready made collectible, timber frame \$900



Stuffed Shark 2021 26 x 31 watercolour on paper on board and ready made collectible, timber frame \$900



Stuffed Whale 2021 26 x 31 watercolour on paper on board and ready made collectible, timber frame \$900



Tree Frog cast 2022 watercolour on paper on board 12 x 12 cm \$200



Kermit Pez

2022

13 x 23cm

watercolour on

paper on board

timber frame

\$200



Koala Bear Anatomy

2022

54 x 65 cm

watercolour on paper

on board timber frame

and ready made

collectible

\$1800



Made in China

2021

34.5 x 44.5 cm

oil on canvas

timber frame

\$1200



This is not a Bilby

2021

oil on linen on panel

49 x 65 cm

\$1800



This is not a Numbat
2021
oil on linen on panel
49 x 65 cm
\$1800



1950 Kangaroo fur Koala Diorama
2024

Kangaroo fur koala , paper,
wooden case, paint, wire and
foam

13 x 35 x 73 cm

\$900



Plastic Animal Molecule 2022 50 x 50 readymade plastic farm toys on panel timber frame NFS



Plastic Animal molecules after Haeckel 2022 50 x 50 readymade plastic sea animals timber frame nfs



Plastic Animal Redemption 2022 123 x 32 ready made plastic farm toys on panel timber frame NFS