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## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### What's Part Mammal, Marsupial and Reptile?



*Read Psalm 111:4*

While all living things defy evolution, some do it more clearly than others. The echidna is one example of a creature that obviously challenges evolution. This Australian marvel is often called the spiny anteater. However, it has little resemblance to

anteaters in other parts of the world.

Echidnas are classified as monotremes, which are egg-laying mammals. While the adults have no teeth, a hatchling echidna escapes from its egg with an egg tooth. Adults have a long snout and an even longer sticky tongue that catches ants. The hatchling is protected and nursed in a marsupial-like pouch. As it grows, it develops the long spines of an adult. If the echidna sounds like a strange creature, its mating habits are even stranger. At mating time, echidnas form "trains." A large female leads the train, followed by up to seven males, the smallest being the last car of the train. They walk single file until the female finds a tree she likes. Then the males dig a trench around the tree and seek to drive each other out of the trench. Only the victorious male is allowed to mate with the female.

With its mammalian, reptilian and marsupial features, the echidna challenges evolution. Evolutionists would have a hard time explaining what forces would produce a creature that is apparently related to no other. The best explanation for the echidna is that it is the work of an infinitely creative and powerful Creator.

**Prayer:** Dear Father, Your unlimited creativity fills me with joy. Amen.

**Notes:** Science Frontiers, p. 129, "Echidna Eccentricities."

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