

ECHIDNA

Rebirth and Personal Protection

Echidnas are egg-laying marsupials covered in sharp quills, like the porcupine. Echidna's Dreaming is powerfully protective, allowing only those we trust and want near us to venture within our sacred space – protecting all vulnerable and hidden feelings.

Echidna warns, however, that to intentionally keep others at a distance so that we do not have to get too close to anyone can prove detrimental.

This can quickly give rise to the impression of a false, aloof, aggressive air of superiority. Sometimes we have to take risks by allowing others to get close to us, trusting that their energy will do us good, in whatever form.



Therefore, Echidna ensures that we retain a degree of defencelessness by not having any quills on her belly. Her soft, unprotected underside is always exposed

to Mother Earth, allowing the loving, nurturing, protective energy of the Earth to be absorbed by her heart, and ultimately ours on a collective level.

POSSUM

Opportunity

Amongst the common species of possum, many are famous for their habit of taking up residence in the roofs of houses, even in the most suburban of areas. Although the Possum is quite suited to living in hollows of trees, the "she'll be right, mate" attitude of the little creature allows it to make its home anywhere dry, warm and private, with the idea of squatting in the homes of others posing no ethical problem for it at all.

Possum can teach us to see an opportunity and to take it, encouraging us to gently take advantage of the generousities of others or that of a situation, and to ride unnoticed on its back until we are comfortably established. The warning is, however, not to take full, obvious advantage, as people tire quickly of parasites.



LIZARD

Dreaming

Lizards cannot create their own body warmth and so in order to maintain energy they must absorb the warmth of the sun to stimulate activity. Lizard is the daydreamer.

As Lizard, the bringer of artistic expression according to Aboriginal myth, lies on the rock soaking up the sun's rays, we assume he is asleep, but in fact, he is awake, in meditative state, exploring the world of dreams.

Dreams are a way of unconsciously checking in and consulting with our higher selves while testing future waters of possibility.

By acknowledging our dreams we are exploring different futures while choosing which ones we should manifest first. Hence, Lizard encourages us to acknowledge ALL our dreams as potential truths.

