



# CITKADA

Nanda Language



# Animal Tracks



**Common name:** Echidna



**Nanda name:** Citkada



**Scientific name:** Tachyglossidae

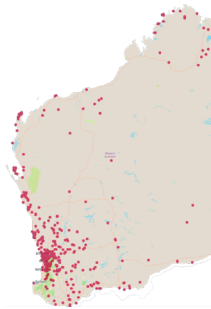


Echidnas are known as Citkada to the Nanda people, who are the traditional owners of Kalbarri National Park. The Citkada was considered a great meal!

Citkada use their strong claws for digging and burrowing in the ground. Their needle-like spines act as armour and protect them from predators. The Citkada has a long, sticky tongue that it uses to catch ants and termites, and a long snout, or beak, which it uses to dig for food.

## Where do they live?

Citkada like to live in all kinds of places, like forests, grasslands and deserts. Citkada can be found in many WA national parks including Kalbarri, Fitzgerald River, Cape Range, Purnululu, Karijini and Stirling Range national parks.



## Fun Fact

Citkada have been around for millions of years, making them one of the oldest surviving mammal species on Earth!

Can you spot any Citkada tracks on your adventures?

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