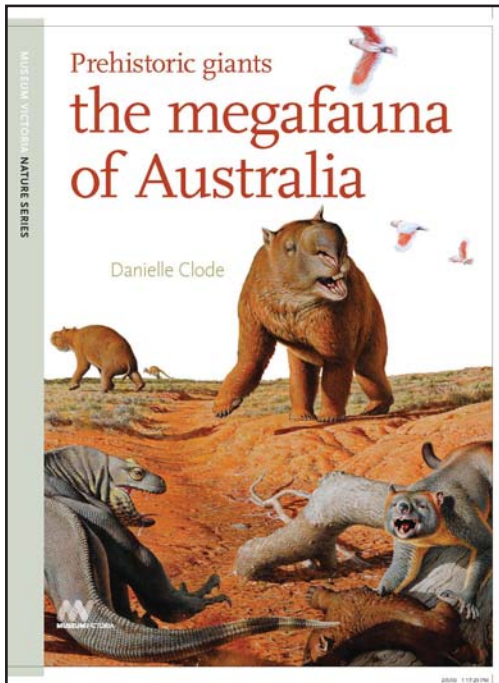


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Prehistoric giants the megafauna of Australia

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Step back to a time when giant goannas and marsupial lions stalked the Australian bush. Imagine herds of two-tonne Diprotodon roaming the plains, and flocks of flightless ducks bigger than emus striding across the shallow inland sea. *Prehistoric giants*, the second in the Museum Victoria Nature series, is a guide to the Australian megafauna of the Pleistocene—when humans shared the land with giants. Richly illustrated and brought to life by the art of Peter Trusler and others, *Prehistoric giants* will reveal an Australia you've never seen before.

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