**Top 30 dangerous animals in Australia**

This list was developed by the Australian Museum in Sydney. Museum staff rated animals out of 10 based on the threat they pose, combined with the likelihood of encountering one.

**Danger rating: 10/10**

1. Box jellyfish (*Chironex fleckeri*)

**Danger rating: 9/10**

2. Honey bee (*Apis mellifera*)

3. Irukandji (*Carukia barnesi*)

**Danger rating: 8/10**

4. Bull shark (*Carcharhinus leucas*)

5. Eastern brown snake (*Pseudonaja textilis*)

6. Saltwater or estuarine crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*)

7. Sydney funnel web spider (*Atrax robustus*)

**Danger rating: 7/10**

8. Blue-ringed octopus (Genus *Hapalochlaena*)

9. Coastal taipan (*Oxyuranus scutellatus*)

10.Common death adder (*Acanthopis antarticus*)

11. Cone shells (*Conus* sp.)

12. Dugite or spotted brown snake (*Pseudonaja affinis*)

13. Mulga snake (*Pseudechis australis*)

14. Red-bellied black snake (*Pseudechis porphyriacus*)

15. Tiger shark (*Galeocerdo cuvier*)

16. Tiger snake (*Notechis scutatus*)

17. Great white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*)

18. Yellow-bellied sea snake (*Pelamis platurus*)

**Danger rating: 6/10**

19. Bluebottle (*Physalia physalis*)

20. Common lionfish (*Pterois volitans*)

21. Collett’s snake (*Pseudechis colletti*)

22. Highland copperhead (*Austrelaps ramsayi*)

23. Inland taipan (*Oxyuranus microlepidotus*)

24. Redback spider (*Lactodectus hasselti*)

25. Reef stonefish (*Synanceia verrucosa*)

26. Smooth toadfish (*Tetractenos glaber*)

27. Blue-bellied black snake (*Pseudechis guttatus*)

**Danger rating: 5/10**

28. Australian paralysis tick (*Ixodes holocyclus*)

29. Bull ant (*Myrmercia pilosula*)

30. Giant centipede (*Ethmostigmus rubripes*)