

Animal as Object

Deb Mostert

Based on years of observation and research within the bird and mammal collections at the Queensland Museum, this body of work seeks to explore the paradoxical 'objectness' of animals in nature through taxidermy and in culture through the souvenir. This work seeks a redemptive lens to view this paradox towards a perspective of flourishing for all. We have and are creating facsimiles and profiting from these copies despite the real risk of losing the originals.

Through mashups of early scientific taxonomy charts and illustrations, museum taxidermy, pop culture and the mass-produced souvenir, questions are asked about artifice, collection, consumerism, mimicry, wonder and beauty. Can we embrace the original instead of accepting the poor copy?

Deb Mostert is represented by Lorraine Pilgrim Gallery, Gold Coast.



Soy Sauce Shark 2019 oil on canvas 142 x 76cm NFS



Plush Pop 2019 oil on canvas 111 x 75cm \$3,200 (framed)



Owl as Object 2022 watercolour on paper 55 x 77cm \$2,700 (framed)



Koala as Object 2020 watercolour on paper 55 x 77cm \$2,700 (framed)



Turtle as Object 2021 watercolour on paper 41 x 58cm \$2,700 (framed)



Shark as Object 2019 watercolour on paper 46 x 61 cm NFS



Frog as Object 2022 watercolour on paper 55 x 77cm \$2,700 (framed)



Wallaby as Object 2021 watercolour on paper 41 x 58cm \$2,700 (framed)



Stuffed Croc 2021 watercolour on paper on board 26 x 31 cm \$1,200 (framed)



Stuffed Octopus 2021 watercolour on paper on board 26 x 31 cm \$1,200 (framed)



Stuffed Whale 2021 watercolour on paper on board 26 x 31 cm \$1,200 (framed)



Stuffed Koala 2021 watercolour on paper on board 26 x 31 cm \$1,200 (framed)



Stuffed Shark 2021 watercolour on paper on board 26 x 31 cm \$1,200 (framed)



Crayfish Cast Collectible 2022 watercolour on paper on board 30 x 44cm \$1,400 (framed)



Deer Mount 2022 watercolour on paper on board 20 x 30cm \$1,100 (framed)



Moose Mount 2021 watercolour on paper on board 26 x 31 cm \$1,300 (framed)



Nightjar Mounts 2022 watercolour on paper on board 27 x 31 cm \$1,100 (framed)



Common Koala Souvenir Anatomy 2022 watercolour on paper on board 24 x 24cm \$1,100 (framed)



Owl Mount 2022 watercolour on paper on board 33 x 45cm \$1,500 (framed)



Birds of Prey Mounts 2022 watercolour on paper on board 40 x 60cm \$1,700 (framed)



Blind Julia Creek Dunnart 2021 pencil on paper on board 30 x 41 cm \$1,400 (framed)



Blind Koala 2021 oil pencil on paper on board 29 x 54cm \$1,500 (framed)



Duck Cutaway 2022 watercolour on paper on board 40 x 60cm \$1,700 (framed)



Bilby Evolution 2022 watercolour on paper on board 28 x 33cm \$1,300 (framed)



Blind Koala Arm 2022 pencil on paper on board 43 x 38cm \$1,600 (framed)



Koala Bear Anatomy 2022 watercolour on paper on board 54 x 65cm \$1,800 (framed)



Emu Science 2022 watercolour on paper on board 24.5 x 30cm \$1,200 (framed)



This is not a Bilby (after Magritte) 2021 oil on linen on panel 49 x 65cm \$1,800 (framed)



Numbat Redemption 2022 oil on linen on panel 64 x 59cm \$1,800 (framed)



Echidna Science 2022 watercolour on paper on board 24 x 30cm \$1,100 (framed)



This is not a Numbat (after Magritte) 2021 oil on linen on panel 49 x 65cm \$1,800 (framed)



Redtailed Black Cockatoo Mount 2022 oil on canvas 126 x 87 cm \$4,000 (framed)



Kermit Pez 2022 watercolour on paper on board 13 x 23cm \$500 (framed)



Tree Frog Cast 2022 watercolour on paper on board 12 x 12cm \$400



Plastic Animal Molecule 2022 readymade plastic farm toys on panel 50 x 50cm NFS



Made in China 2021 oil on canvas 34.5 x 44.5cm \$1,200 (framed)



Platypus Sciencel 2022 watercolour on paper on board 38 x 38cm \$1,200



Plastic Animal molecules after Haeckel 2022 readymade plastic sea animals on panel 40 x 50cm



Plastic Animal Redemption 2022 readymade plastic farm toys on panel 123 x 32cm NFS