



Kooky Kookaburra

Arranged by Jill Gallina Choreography by Valerie Lippoldt Mack
Shawnee Press choral E0644

Equipment needed: Risers

Partner choreography

Introduction: 4 groups – slap legs out-in (wing-like), 2 snaps by face, slap arms ("I Dream of Jeanie"-like), bring wrists up to touch and back down. Can add on by rows or randomly.

Kooky Kookaburra, what-cha doin' up there
sittin' in that old gum tree?

Kooky Kookaburra, what cha doin' up there
A laughin and a starin' at me.

Kooky Kookaburra, you're from the bush
Way down under, round Australian way.

Kooky Kookaburra, you are one strange bird

Back to back with partner, open arms to shrug, & fold
Bend legs & bounce twice – still back to back w/partner

Lean away from partner – facing them and repeat actions
2 neck juts to partner

Hands on hips, face front, wave hands up and down
R hand to forehead and lean over and fan aud L to R

Squat to floor, flap wings, stand w/hands on tummy (lol)

Kookaburra sittin' in the ol' gum tree

2 ms. Instrumental break

Merry merry king of the bush is he!

2 ms. Instrumental break

Laugh! (Kookaburra, Let's hear it!)

Laugh! (Kookaburra, we can't bear it!)

Strange little bird it he, sittin up in that old

Kookaburra hand jive pattern (Slap legs, clap, snap, clap,
Cross arms, touch wrists and down again)

"Kookaburra beak and tail jam" (Beak boogie = R hand on
Top of left hand and slide out – rap style 2 times, wiggle tail 2 times)

Repeat "Kookaburra hand jive"

Repeat Beak and tail boogie

Group #1- lean back, hands on tummy

Group #2 – 2 flaps of wings and R hand to ear

Group #1 – lean front, hands on tummy

Group #2 – 2 flaps of wings and raise the roof 2 times

R index finger 5 shakes at aud, roll fists, pt up, and 2 flaps

Hear him laughin so hearty

Thinks he's the life of the party

His high-pitched squealin' has him

Bird, bird, bird, bird's the words but he's the Do the "bird" R and L, hands behind and jut head out

He's the kookiest bird that we've ever heard. Roll index fingers by head (crazy), shrug and hands to head

Lean front and tell aud, lean back and raise the roof 2 times

Lean back and "rap" pose, 2 raise the roofs

Swing fists R, and circle to the right



Kookaburra sittin' in the ol' gum tree

2 ms. Interlude

Laughin' and a-squealin'

Strange little bird is he.

Sittin' up in the ol' gum tree.

Group #1 – repeats as before

AST Group #2- does "Kookaburra beak and tail boogie"

And then Kookaburra hand jive"

Switch (2 groups are in opposition)

Rock R, L, circle to the Right

Repeat R index finger points

Roll hands, point up, 2 flaps

Lookin' and a laughin' at

It's a bird, it's a plane it's...

R hand to forehead, watch audience w/R hand to head, hand to tummy, hands up on "me"

2 wild points, end w/"beak boogie" and freeze with a tail.

