

KOALA

Set 1



Scientific Name: *Phascolarctos cinereus*
Common Name: Koala

Koalas are furry Australian animals that live in gum trees. Even though some people call them "koala bears," they are not bears at all.

Appearance

Koalas have soft grey fur, big round ears and a large black nose. They have sharp claws to help them climb trees.

Habitat

Koalas live in forests with lots of eucalyptus trees. They spend most of their time sitting in the branches.



Food

Koalas only eat eucalyptus leaves. These leaves don't give them much energy, so koalas sleep for many hours each day.

Predators

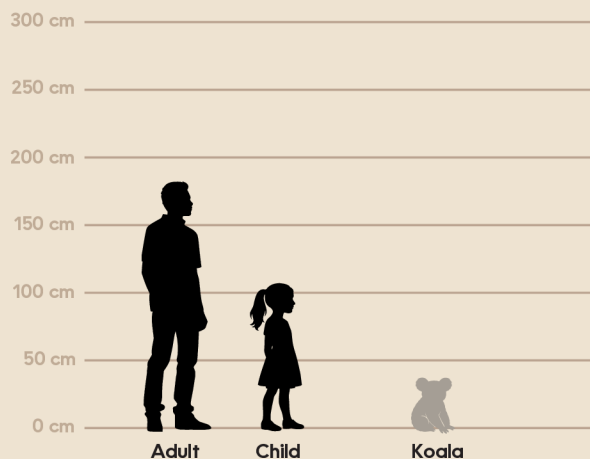
Koalas can be hurt by dogs, cars and habitat loss. Baby koalas can also be taken by large birds or snakes.

Behaviour

Koalas sleep a lot and come out at night to eat. Mothers carry their joeys in a pouch and later on their backs.

Koalas are special Australian animals, and caring for their forest homes helps keep them safe.

HOW BIG ARE THEY?



DID YOU KNOW?

- Koalas are marsupials and keep their babies in a pouch.
- Each koala has favourite trees it returns to.
- They have two thumbs on each hand for gripping branches.

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