



Wombats are marsupials who have pouches where their newborn young develop that face backwards. This protects wombat joeys in the pouch from being sprayed with dirt, while their mother digs in the ground.

There are three different species of wombat - the common wombat (also known as the bare-nosed wombat), the Southern hairy-nosed wombat, and the Northern hairy-nosed wombat which is critically endangered.

They have a variety of habitats, including mountains, forests, and grasslands!

An adult wombat usually grows to about a metre long – the same as a medium-sized dog.

They can weigh up to 40 kilograms, and have wide, strong feet which are great for digging!

Wombats can run at speeds of up to 40km per hour and can sustain this speed for up to 90 seconds.

Wombat poo is cube-shaped.

Wombats can jump! Some have been known to jump over metre-high fences.

The name wombat comes from the Darug language, spoken by the Traditional Owners of Sydney.

