

# GREATER BILBY

Set 1



Scientific Name: *Macrotis lagotis*  
Common Name: Greater Bilby

The Greater Bilby is a special Australian animal with long ears and soft grey fur. It lives in the desert and is most active at night.

## Appearance

Bilbies have long ears, a long nose and strong claws. Their fur is soft and grey, and they have a pouch for their babies.

## Habitat

Bilbies live in dry parts of Australia. They dig deep burrows to stay cool during the hot day and come out at night to find food.



herbivore



omnivore



carnivore

## Food

Bilbies eat insects, seeds, roots and other small plants. They use their good sense of smell to find food under the ground.

## Predators

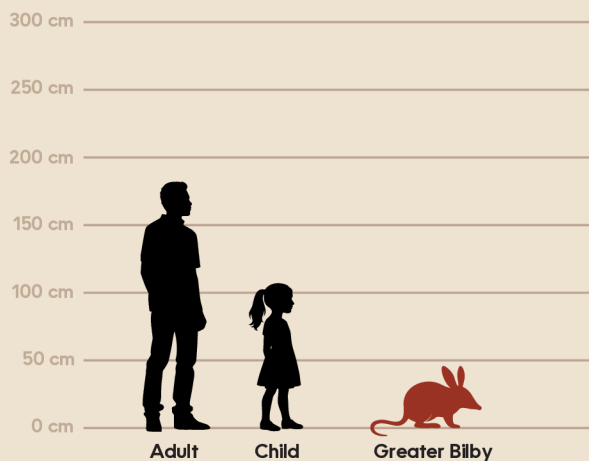
Foxes and cats are big dangers to bilbies. Rabbits and farm animals also take their food and damage their homes. Losing habitat makes life harder for bilbies.

## Behaviour

Bilbies are great diggers. They use their strong claws to make long burrows. Their pouch opens backwards so dirt doesn't get inside when they dig.

Greater Bilbies are important Australian animals, and looking after their desert homes helps keep them safe.

## HOW BIG ARE THEY?



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Bilbies don't drink water. They get all their moisture from their food.
- Bilbies' long ears help them hear from far away.
- Bilbies dig up to 12 burrows throughout their range.



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