

# 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.



herbivore

omnivore

carnivore

## Food

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

## Predators

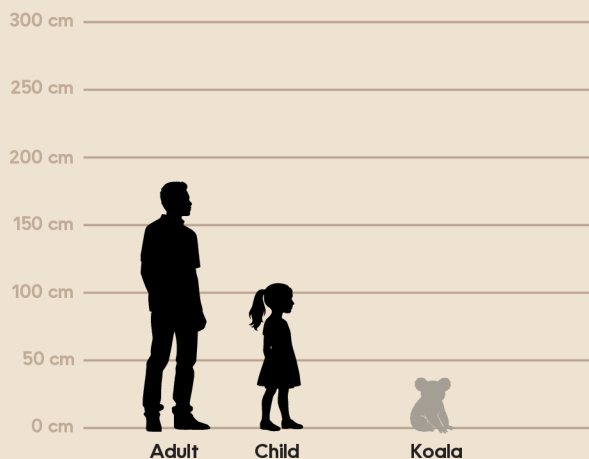
Koalas can be hurt by dogs, cars and habitat loss. Baby koalas can also be taken by large birds or snakes.

## 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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