

Koala Fact Sheet

Scientific Name: *Phascolarctos cinereus*

Habitat:

- Native to Australia
- Found in eucalyptus forests and woodlands

Physical Characteristics:

- Size: 60-85 cm (24-33 inches) in length
- Weight: 4-15 kg (9-33 lbs)
- Fur: Thick and soft, ranging from grey to brown
- Distinctive Features: Large, fluffy ears and a spoon-shaped nose

Diet:

- Primarily eucalyptus leaves
- Can consume up to 500 grams (1.1 pounds) of leaves daily
- Have a specialized digestive system to detoxify the eucalyptus leaves

Behavior:

- Nocturnal: Most active at night
- Sleep: Spend up to 18-22 hours a day sleeping
- Solitary animals, but have overlapping home ranges

Reproduction:

- Breeding season: October to May
- Gestation period: About 35 days
- Usually give birth to one joey
- Joeys stay in the mother's pouch for about 6 months

Conservation Status:

- Classified as Vulnerable
- Threats: Habitat destruction, disease (chlamydia), climate change, and bushfires

Interesting Facts:

- Despite often being called "koala bears," koalas are not bears but marsupials.
- Each koala's fingerprint is unique, much like human fingerprints.
- They rarely drink water, obtaining most of their hydration from eucalyptus leaves.

Conservation Efforts:

- Habitat protection and restoration
- Research and treatment of diseases
- Education and awareness programs

How You Can Help:

- Support koala conservation organizations
- Plant eucalyptus trees in appropriate areas
- Reduce your carbon footprint to combat climate change

Contact for More Information:

- Website: <https://awesomekoala.com/>