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Animal Fact Sheet

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Hairy-nosed Wombat

Lasiorhinus latifrons / Lasiorhinus krefftii

The wombat is the only animal on Earth that produces cube-shaped droppings, and it is less a curiosity than a solution. The cubes are moulded by the intestine itself, whose walls vary in elasticity a…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Vombatidae
Habitat: Arid and semi-arid grasslands and woodlands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered (Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat), Near Threatened (Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat)
Lifespan: 12-20 years
Weight: 19–40 kg
Scientific name: Lasiorhinus latifrons / Lasiorhinus krefftii

Did you know?

- There are fewer than 300 Northern Hairy-nosed Wombats left in the wild, making it one of the rarest large mammals on Earth.
- Wombats are the only animals that produce cube-shaped droppings, moulded by an intestine with unevenly elastic walls. The cubes matter because they d…

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