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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Koala

*Phascolarctos cinereus*

The koala (Phascolarctos cinereus) is a unique arboreal marsupial indigenous to Australia's eastern and southern coastal regions, including Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia.…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal
**Family:** Phascolarctidae
**Habitat:** Eucalyptus forests and woodlands
**Diet:** Herbivore
**Conservation status:** Vulnerable
**Lifespan:** 10-15 years
**Weight:** 4-15 kg
**Scientific name:** Phascolarctos cinereus

## Did you know?

- Despite being called 'koala bears,' koalas are not bears at all—they are marsupials, carrying their young in a pouch.
- Koalas have a highly specialized digestive system that includes an enlarged cecum, allowing them to ferment the otherwise toxic eucalyptus leaves saf…

## What I learned

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