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Animal Fact Sheet

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Numbat

Myrmecobius fasciatus

Myrmecobius fasciatus is the only marsupial that is fully diurnal and eats nothing but termites, roughly 20,000 a day, licked up with a tongue that can extend about 10 cm. Being active by day is not …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Myrmecobiidae
Habitat: Eucalypt woodlands
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 5-6 years
Weight: 280-700 grams
Scientific name: Myrmecobius fasciatus

Did you know?

- Numbats are the only member of the family Myrmecobiidae, making them evolutionarily unique among marsupials.
- The numbat is Western Australia's faunal emblem and appears on the state's conservation branding, yet most Australians have never seen one in the wil…

What I learned

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