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Animal Fact Sheet

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Tasmanian Devil

Sarcophilus harrisii

The Tasmanian devil (Sarcophilus harrisii) is a robust carnivorous marsupial endemic to Tasmania, having disappeared from mainland Australia approximately 3,500 years ago. This species, about the siz…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Dasyuridae
Habitat: Temperate forests and woodlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 6-14 kg
Scientific name: Sarcophilus harrisii

Did you know?

- Tasmanian Devils are susceptible to a unique, contagious cancer called Devil Facial Tumour Disease (DFTD), which has decimated wild populations by ov…
- Despite their fierce reputation, Tasmanian devils are not dangerous to humans unless provoked. They play a critical ecological role as scavengers, he…

What I learned

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