



Koala Facts

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The koala is a small, furry marsupial from eastern Australia. They are grey with small black eyes and small cotton tails.

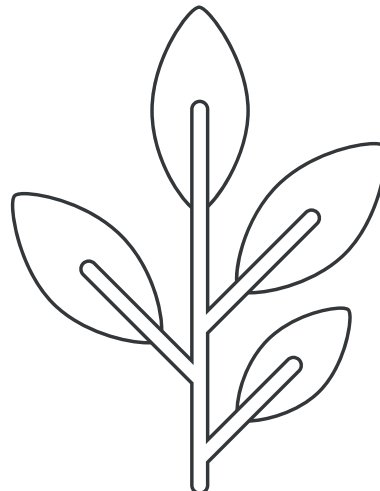


Even though we might call it a koala bear, it is not a bear. They use their sharp claws to climb eucalyptus trees and barely leave them, as trees are the typical koala habitat.

Koalas are marsupials, which means female koalas have a pouch to hold their infant koala. They can also hang onto their mother's back.



The word koala means "no drink" or "no water" in one of the Australian aboriginal languages.



Koalas have a diet of eucalyptus leaves and a few other related tree species. They prefer the best leaves, those on top of the tallest trees.



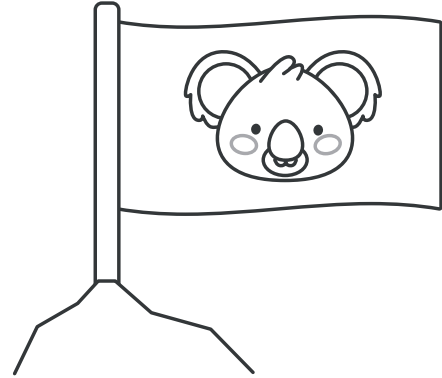
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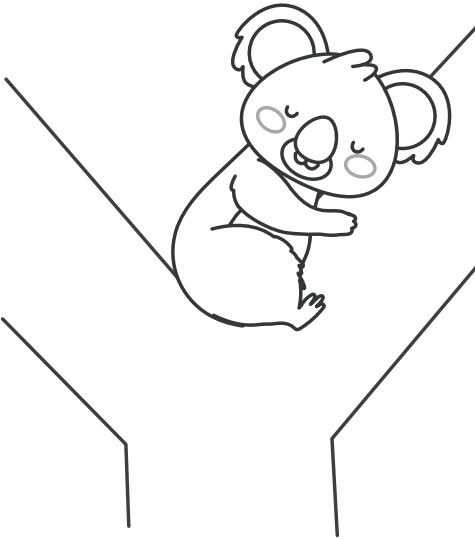
Once they're born, koala joeys usually stay in the mother's pouch for warmth and shelter until they are six months of age.



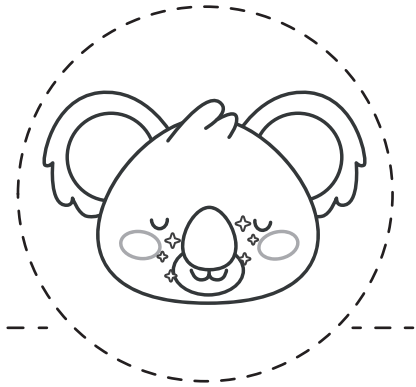
An adult koala will look for a new territory away from home, although sometimes their home range can overlap with other koalas.



The koala can sleep on tree forks for up to 18 or even 20 hours daily.

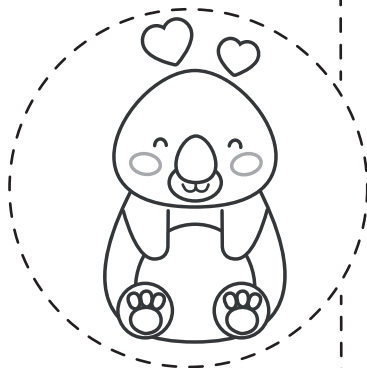


They are fussy eaters so they use their big black nose to make better food choices before tasting them.



Koalas are close to being endangered species. It is estimated that the number of koalas is fewer than 100,000 in the wild.

Baby koalas are born without ears, hairless, and blind, but they have an inborn sense of direction that helps them return to their mothers' pouch.



Koalas have similar fingerprints to humans.