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Wombats have a tough plate of cartilage across their lower

back, which helps protect
them from predators.



IMAGE: PXHERE



Found in parts of NSW, VIC, SA and TAS and lives in wetter forested areas.

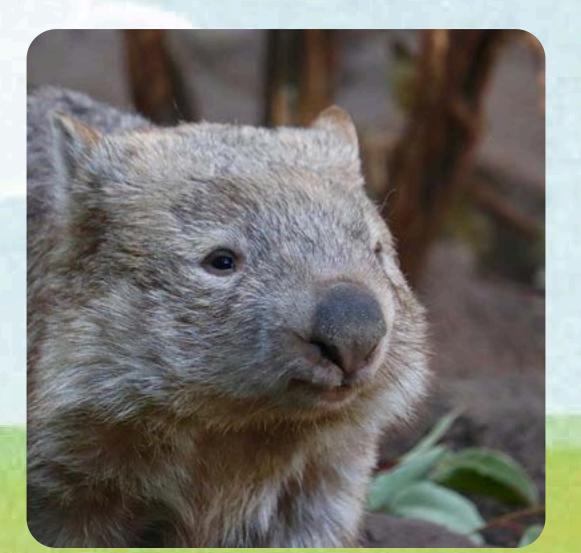


IMAGE: PENELOPE PITSTOP



Celebrity

Wombats have been featured in popular culture, such as Mr

Walter Wombat in Blinky Bill.

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IMAGE: IMGBIN



Diprotodon

One of Australia's megafauna

and a close relative of wombats. They were the largest marsupial to walk the Earth.

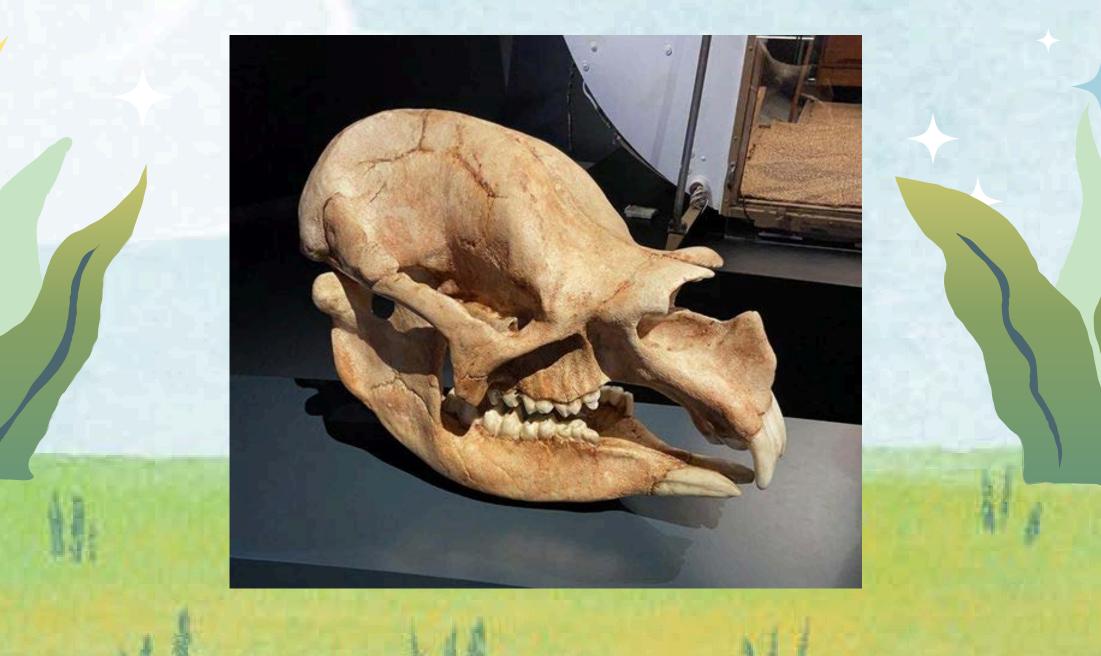


IMAGE: MEGAN FABIAN

Ecological Engineer

Wombats are important for

the environment. Their digging helps aerate the soil and plants to grow.



IMAGE: MEGAN FABIAN



Wombats can run quickly for

Fast

short distances.

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IMAGE: MICHAEL HARING



A group of wombats is called a 'wisdom of wombats'.



IMAGE: ROZ HOLME OAM

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Herbivore

Wombats eat native grasses such as kangaroo grass.



IMAGE: JEREMIE BARNIER



Interconnected

A warren is a network of interconnected burrows.



IMAGE: NATARSHA MCPHERSON



A baby wombat is called a joey and is born with no fur.

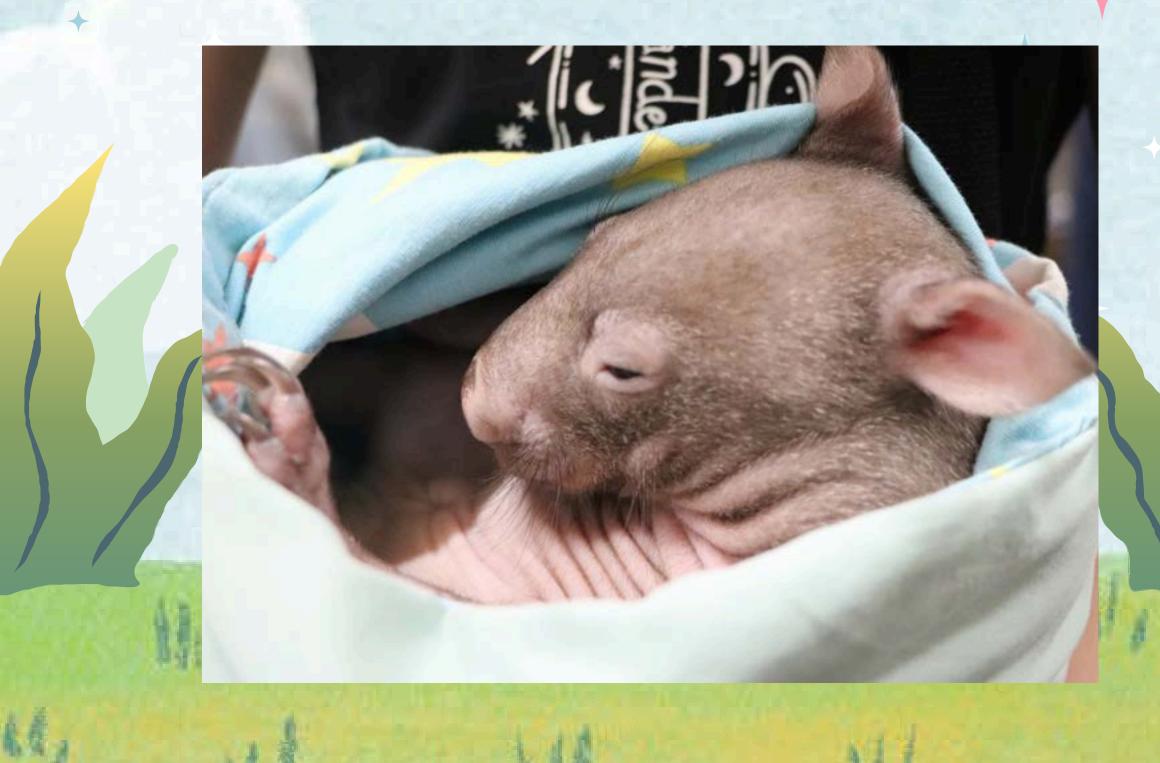


IMAGE: MEGAN FABIAN



Koala

The wombat's

closest living relative is the koala.



IMAGE: MEGAN FABIAN



Habitat loss is a threat to wombats. It makes them prone to disease and dog attacks.

IMAGE: PXHERE

Wombats are marsupials, mammals with a pouch.

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Northern Hairy-Nosed Wombat

It is found in three parts of QLD and lives in grasslands on sandy soil.



IMAGE: DR ALAN HORSUP



October

The 22 October is World

Wombat Day! A chance to celebrate these Aussie legends.



IMAGE: WOMSAT



Wombats do cube-shaped poop. They use their poop to mark their territory.

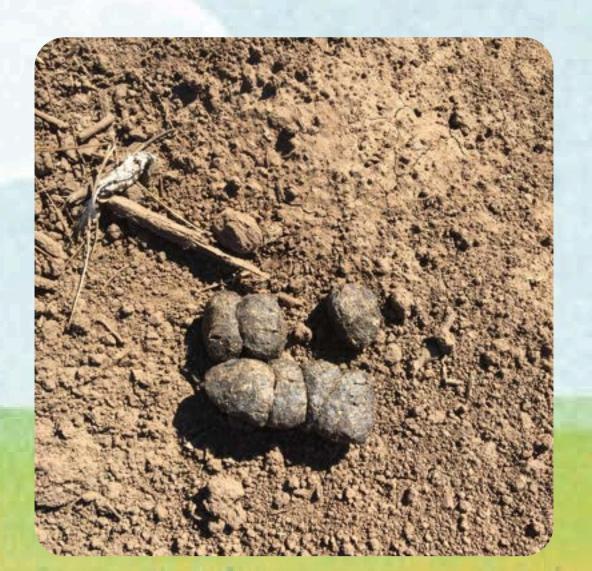


IMAGE: MEGAN FABIAN

Wombats are generally quiet

Quiet

animals, although they can make a number of different sounds.

IMAGE: DAVID CLODE

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Researchers continue to research wombats to ensure their conservation in the future.





It is found in SA and WA and lives in dryer areas with little rain and vegetation.



IMAGE: DR JULIE OLD

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Teeth

A wombat's teeth never stop growing, so they must chew

on hardy material like bark to wear down their teeth.

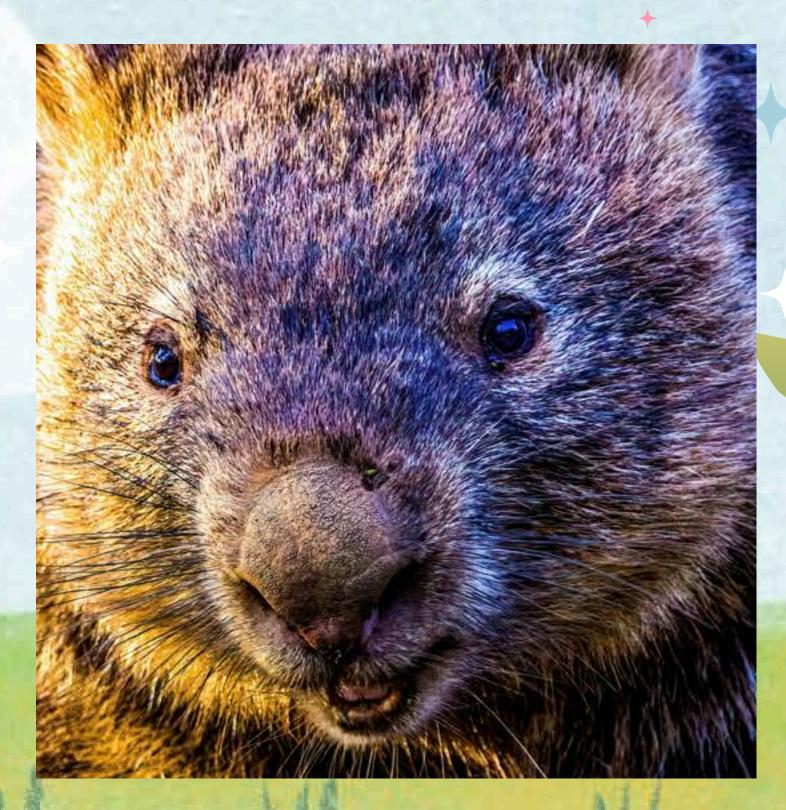
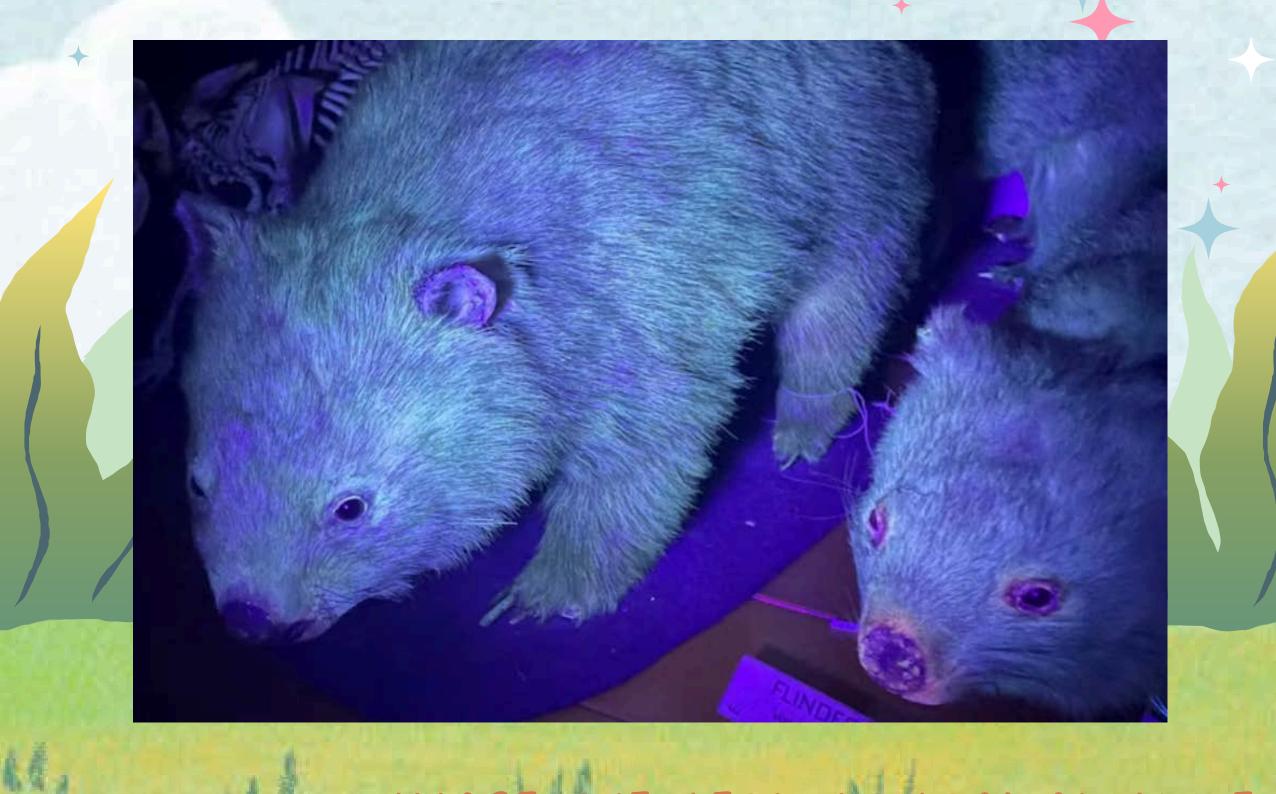


IMAGE: ELLIOT CONNOR



Wombats glow under UV light.





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IMAGE: CANVA

Vehicle Collision

Unfortunately, wombats are often hit by cars, but a joey might survive in their mum's protective pouch.



You can report wombat and

burrow sightings at WomSAT.org.au

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IMAGE: WOMSAT

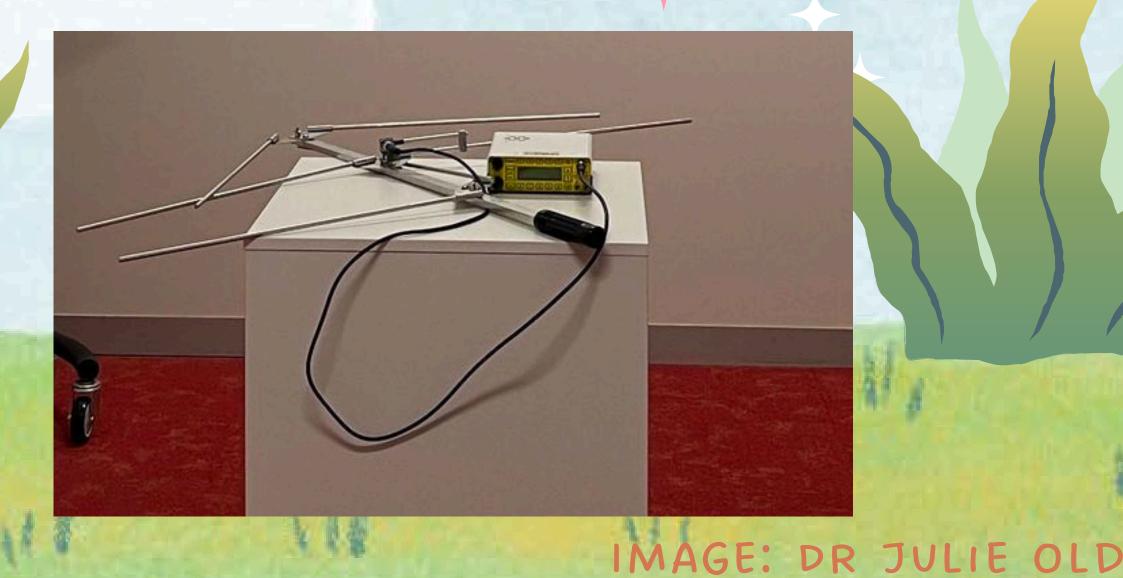


An x-ray can show a wombat's powerful skeleton.





Radio-collared wombats and their activity can be tracked using a Yagi antenna.





Zoological Marvel

May Zoological Parks across Australia house wombats for educational and conservation purposes.



This free e-resource was created to raise awareness and inspire community members to learn about and engage in wombat conservation.

Thank you to the author, Megan Fabian, and the photographers for their contribution of images!

WomSAT is an online tool that you can use to report wombat and burrow sightings! WomSAT also functions as an online educational resource.

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