

Wait, koalas AREN'T bears?!

Exclusive to Australia, koalas are one of nature's cutest gifts. Unfortunately, due to habitat destruction, they are one of the planet's 5196 vulnerable species, one step away from being endangered.



Adult koalas can eat up to 1kg of eucalyptus leaves per day.



Koalas sleep 18-20 hours per day.

Gestation takes 35 days.

There are only between 43,000-80,000 koalas left in the wild.

80% of the koala habitat has already disappeared.

Koalas feature heavily in Australian aboriginal myths.



Although they are both fuzzy and adorable, koalas are not part of the bear family. Their closest relative is the wombat.



Threats:
- habitat loss
- cars & dogs
- bushfires
- disease



Koalas communicate by bellowing. Mothers and babies click, squeak and hum to each other.

Joeys spend the first six months of their life in their mother's pouch.

Baby koalas are called joeys. They are blind and furless at birth.



Koalas are highly territorial.

Sources:

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