

SOUTHERN HAIRY NOSED WOMBAT

Lasiiorhinus latifrons



FACTS AT A GLANCE

TYPE OF ANIMAL

Marsupial

OTHER NAMES

Its nickname is
Bulldozer of the bush

FOUND WHERE

Arid and semi-arid
regions of Australia

WEIGHT

20 - 35kg

LENGTH

Up to 1.3m

CONSERVATION STATUS

Northern - Critically endangered
Southern - Near threatened
Common - Least concern

LIFE SPAN

Up to 15 years

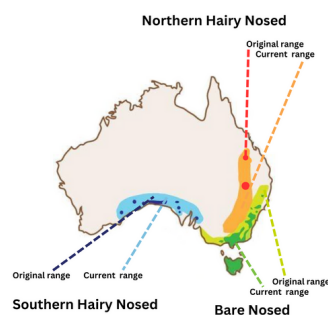
The Southern Hairy-Nosed Wombat is one of three species of wombats still alive today, the other two species are; The Northern Hairy-Nosed and the Common Wombat. They are found in varying habitats along the eastern and southern parts of Australia. The closest living relative to the wombat is the Koala. Unlike the koala, wombats live underground in burrow systems. Their strong front feet help them to dig, while their back legs are used for pushing the dirt out of the way.

DIET

As herbivores, Wombats graze on native grasses and roots.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE

Rockhampton has historically been part of a non-invasive research program to improve captive husbandry management. Our Wombats are used to promote the plight of the critically endangered Northern Hairy-nosed cousins.



REPRODUCTION

At around 2 years old, a wombat becomes sexually active. Mating between September and December they normally produce only one offspring. The joey, which weighs around 1g and is less than 3cm long, crawls up to the mother's pouch, which faces backwards, to help stop it filling with dirt when she is digging. It will stay in the pouch for up to 10 months, coming out to explore and going back in for safety and to feed. They usually leave the mother at around 15 months old.

FUN FACTS

Some wombat species have square shaped poos! They use these to mark their territories.

A group of wombats can be called a Wisdom, Colony or Mob!