



Koalas

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A still life composition featuring a variety of fresh produce arranged on a light blue surface against a pale yellow background. From left to right, the items are: a portion of a red apple, a green pear, a head of green cabbage, a single red tomato, a bunch of green asparagus tied with a purple rubber band, a whole red apple, and a green cucumber. The lighting is soft and even, casting gentle shadows to the right of each item. The word "Diet" is printed in a clean, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and partially overlapping the tomato and asparagus.

Diet

Eucalyptus leaves



Koala's scientific name

Phascolarctos cinereus

Koala's predators

- Predators include dingoes and large owls. They're also at risk of getting hit by cars and attacked by dogs.



Fun facts

- Worldwide the koala is often referred to as a “koala bear”, because they do look a bit like bears or even teddy bears, but koalas are not bears at all! Koalas are a type of mammal known as marsupial and are more closely related to kangaroos and wombats.
- Interestingly, the word "koala" comes from an Aboriginal term that means "no drink."
- Koalas are expert sleepers, snoozing for up to 18 to 22 hours a day!
- Koalas are generally docile creatures, but like any wild animal, they can become aggressive when threatened or stressed and they have sharp claws and teeth.
- A group of koalas is called a colony.
- Koalas have 5 fingers on each hand, but they also have 2 thumbs on each hand.
- Female koalas have pouches.

How long it takes for koalas to give birth and how many babies they can have

- The gestation period of a female koala is 35 days, after which she gives birth to a single joey. Female koalas are also capable of giving birth to twins, however this is quite rare. Birth usually take place between the months of November and February.



A close-up photograph of a baby koala (joey) clinging to a thick, brown tree branch. The joey is covered in soft, grey fur and has its large, black, leathery nose and paws visible. It is positioned horizontally across the frame, with its head to the left and its body extending towards the right. The background is a blurred green, suggesting a forest environment.

How long baby koalas stay in the pouch

Koala joeys usually stay in their mothers' pouches for about six months.



Koalas rarely drink water

- In the Australian bush, koalas rarely drink water as the majority of their water intake comes from eating fresh eucalyptus leaves. Koalas drinking water is uncommon in the wild, although they can do so if necessary, especially during heat waves, droughts or, bushfires.



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