

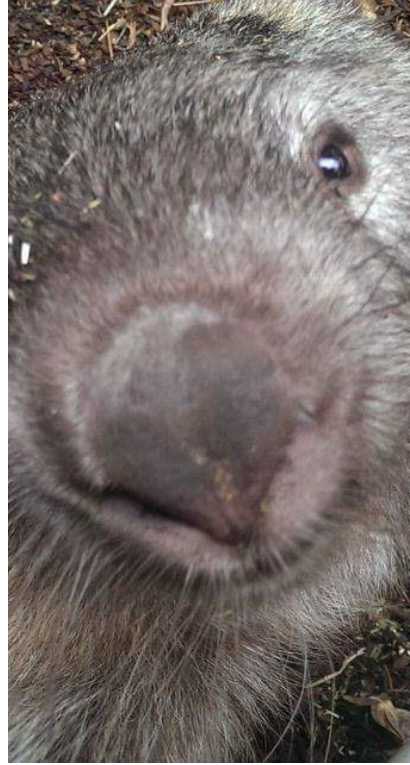
# Australian Wildlife Society

Conserving Australia's Wildlife  
since 1909

# We are 112 years old

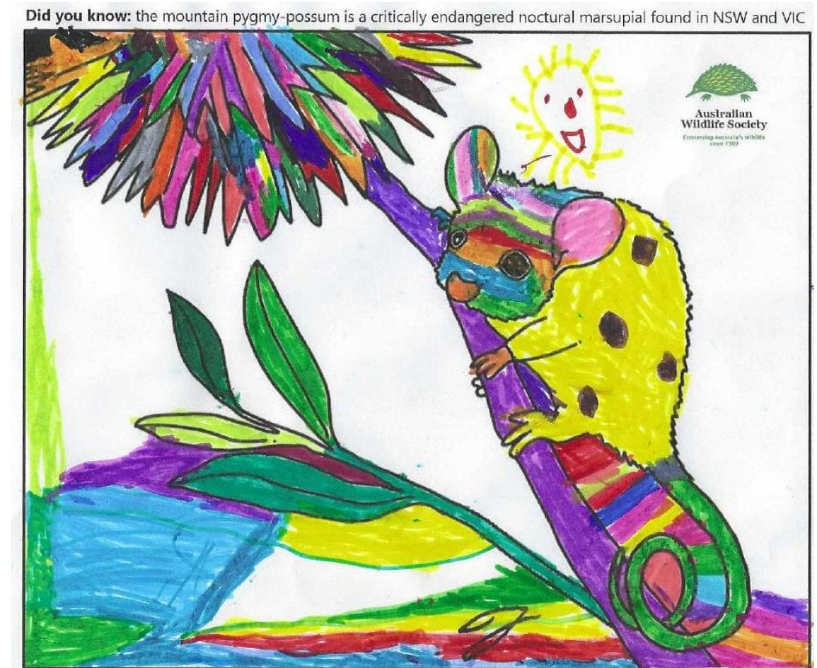






**We protect native wildlife**









We fund  
important  
projects







## Did you know:

- ▶ Wombats have **backward-facing pouches**
- ▶ Their teeth don't stop growing
- ▶ Wombats live in burrows
- ▶ What other animal lives in a burrow?

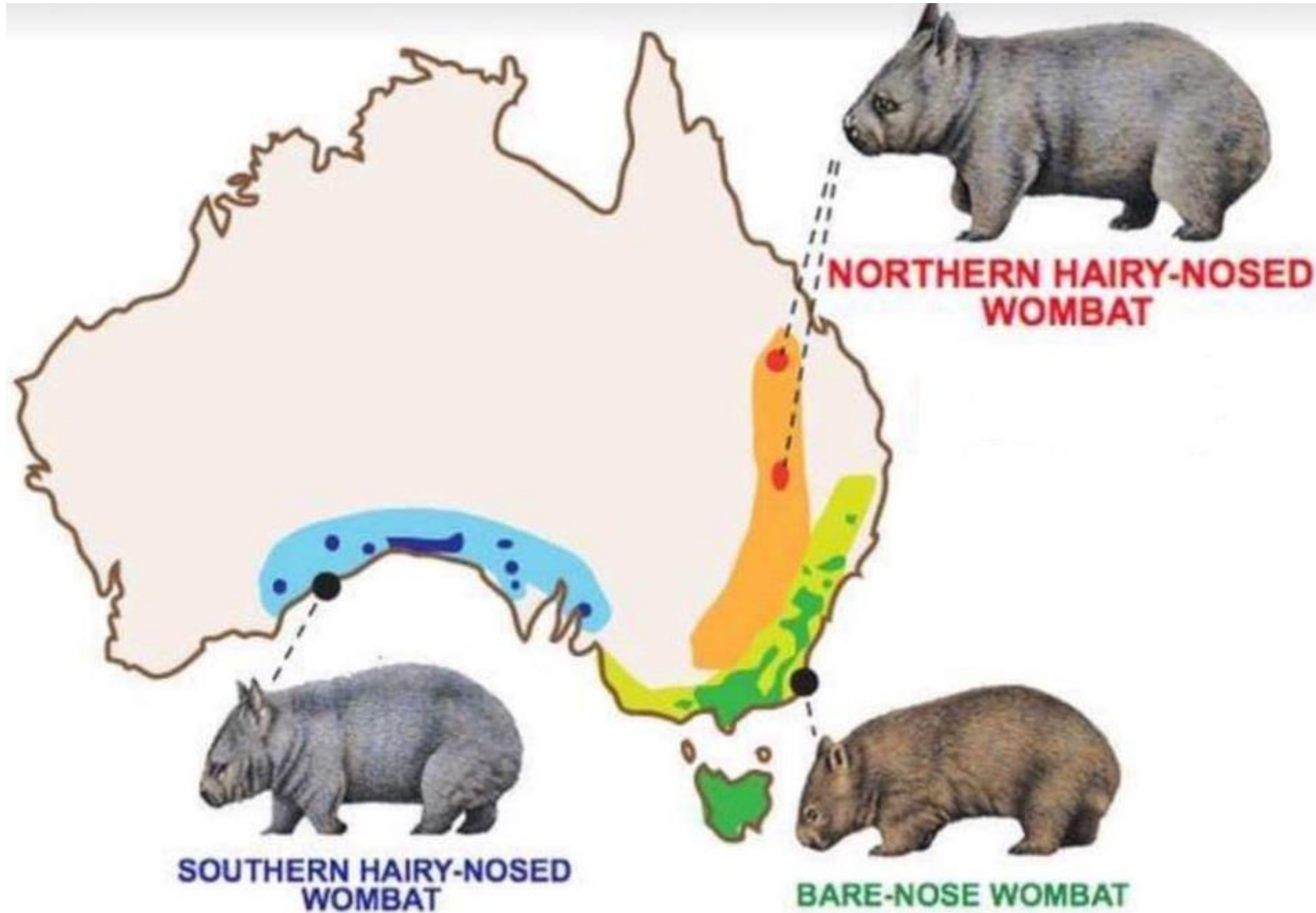






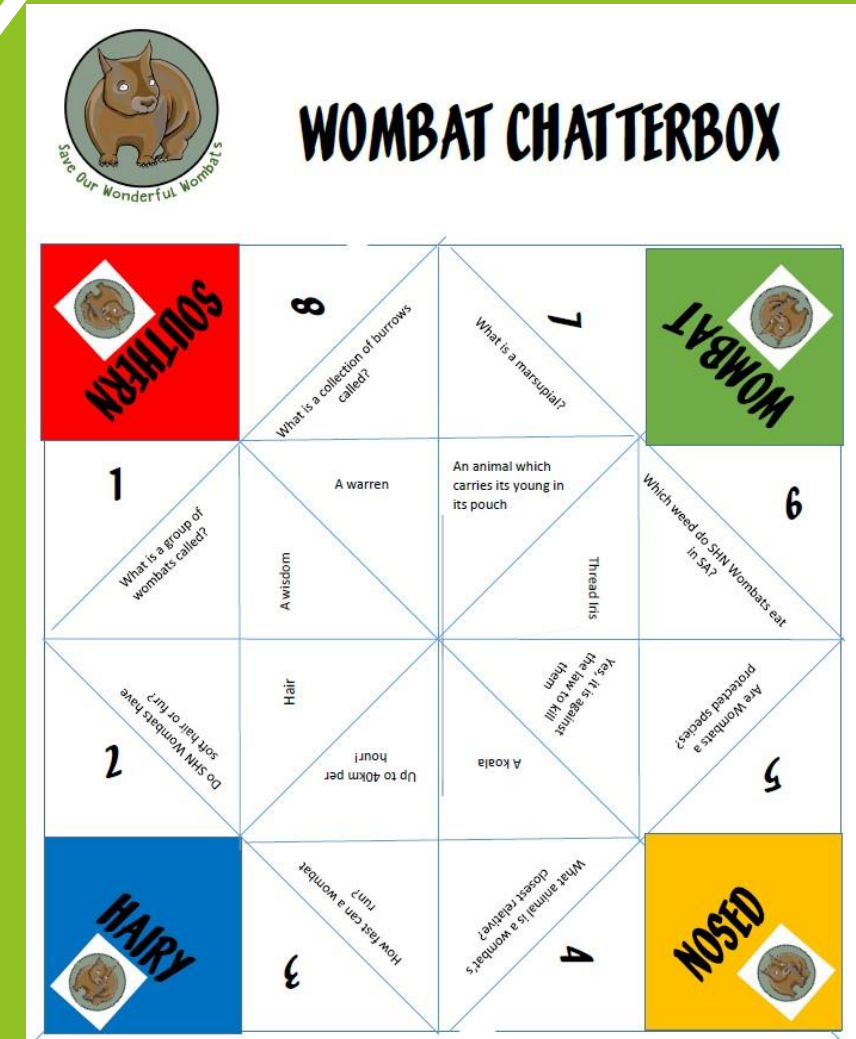
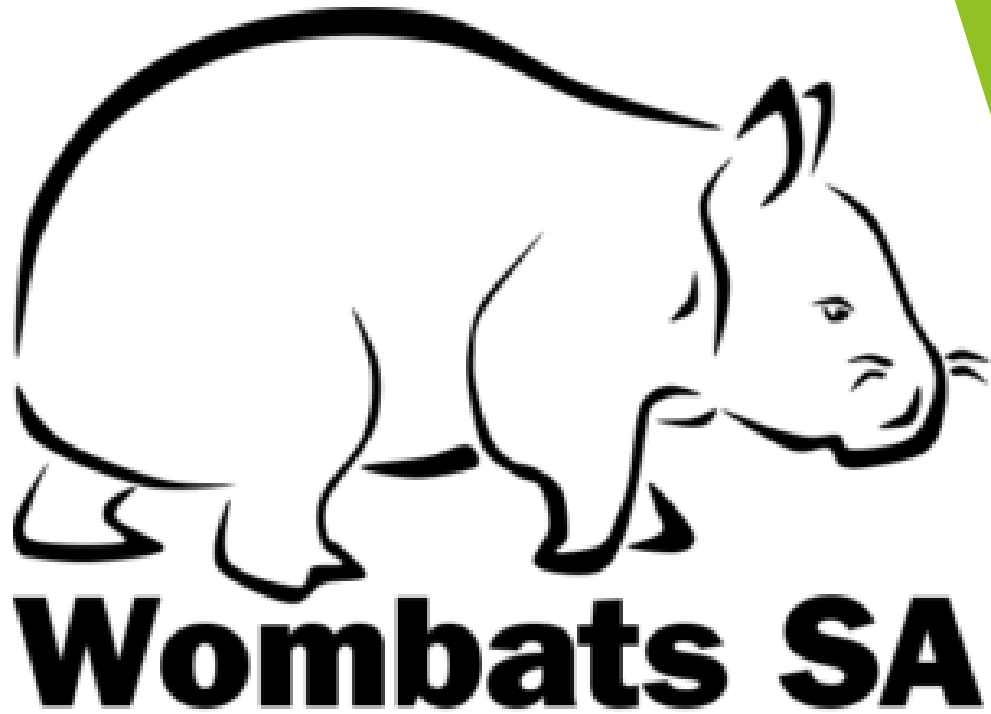


# There are three different types of wombats





# Southern hairy-nosed wombat





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**QUIZ**  
Time!



1. What does the Australian Wildlife Society do?
2. Which way does a wombat's pouch face?
3. Name one of the three types of wombats





Doug Gimesy



# THE *amazing* PLATYPUS



## HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM?

### USE LESS WATER

The water we use in our homes and gardens can come from rivers where platypus live, so the less water we use, the more there is for platypus.

### KEEP RIVERS CLEAN & HEALTHY

Pick up any plastic rings, rubber bands or hair ties you see, even those on the street. Rubbish can get washed into rivers and platypuses can get tangled in them. Try to pick up one piece every day.

### FISH RESPONSIBLY

Don't use illegal opera house yabby nets. Let your parents know if you see any, as platypuses can drown in them. Also make sure you take all your fishing lines and rubbish with you.

Produced by Doug Gentry and Joshua Goffins. Supported by a grant from the Australian Wildlife Society. Image: Doug Gentry. Report any sightings to [www.platypusPOI.org](http://www.platypusPOI.org)



Tamielle Brunt





Attempting to change the rules to protect native wildlife



# Did you know:

- ▶ A platypus lays eggs - monotreme
- ▶ A baby platypus is called a **PUGGLE**
- ▶ Platypus eat worms, shrimp, insects
- ▶ Platypus have no teeth



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## INTERESTING FACTS

### BUILT FOR AN AQUATIC LIFE

Platypuses have a streamlined body, waterproof fur and webbed feet. They swim with their front feet and steer with their back feet and tail.



### AN EGG LAYING MAMMAL

Unlike most mammals that give birth to live young, platypuses (and echidnas) lay eggs. Newborn platypuses are small and hairless.

### THEY 'SEE' WITH THEIR BILL UNDERWATER

Platypuses swim underwater with their eyes closed. To find their food, they use their bill which is covered with thousands of sensors.



### VENOMOUS SPURS

Males have venomous spurs on their hind ankles that they use to battle other males during breeding season. The venom is extremely painful!

## KEY THREATS

- Reduced river flows due to drought, dams, and human water use
- Climate change
- Habitat destruction from agriculture and urban development
- River bank erosion
- Pollution
- Entanglement in litter and fishing line

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### BE A PLATYPUS CHAMPION

Spread the word so other people can help platypuses. If you are lucky enough to see one, record it using the platypusSPOT app. The more we know about where they are, the better.

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## SWAP:



30-min shower



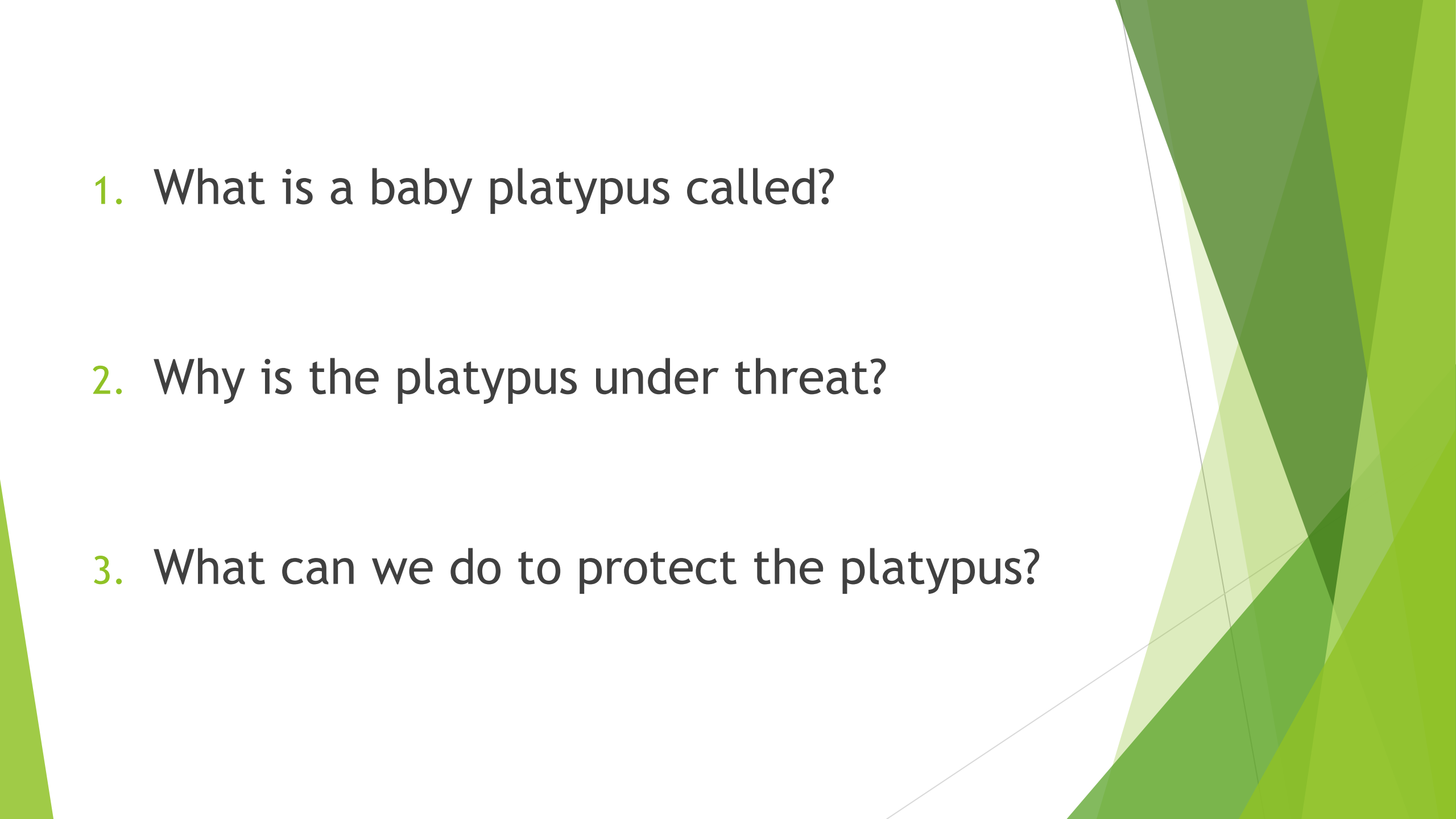
4-min shower



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- The background of the slide features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. These shapes are primarily located on the right side of the slide, creating a modern, layered effect.
1. What is a baby platypus called?
  2. Why is the platypus under threat?
  3. What can we do to protect the platypus?



# SNIP RINGS FOR WILDLIFE





# Cut through ring-shaped items:

- ▶ Plastic rings
- ▶ Rubber bands
- ▶ Hair ties
- ▶ Loops of facemasks
- ▶ Plastic dome-shaped lids



**BEFORE** throwing them away to protect wildlife





















### MAKE USE OF ALTERNATIVES & SWAP:



Plastic rings



Peel & seal lids





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What must we do  
before throwing  
away a ring-  
shaped item?



Ask an adult to  
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Rod Williams





Protect  
native  
wildlife









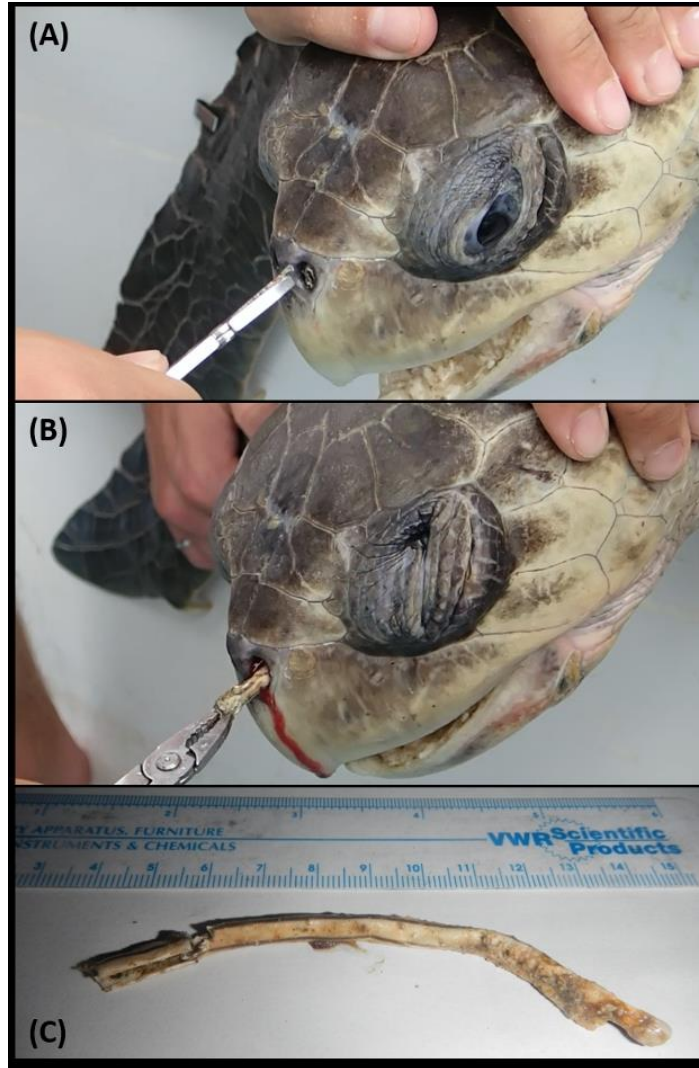
► Plant a native tree



Leichhardt tree (*Nauclea orientalis*)



- Use less plastic  
e.g., no straws



► Keep pets indoors





- Save water e.g., take shorter showers



- Learn about the wildlife in your backyard



Green and golden bell frog (*Litoria aurea*)



► Put rubbish in the bin



► Don't forget to  
eat fruits and  
vegetables





- ▶ Ask an adult to help you cut through ring-shaped items before throwing them away



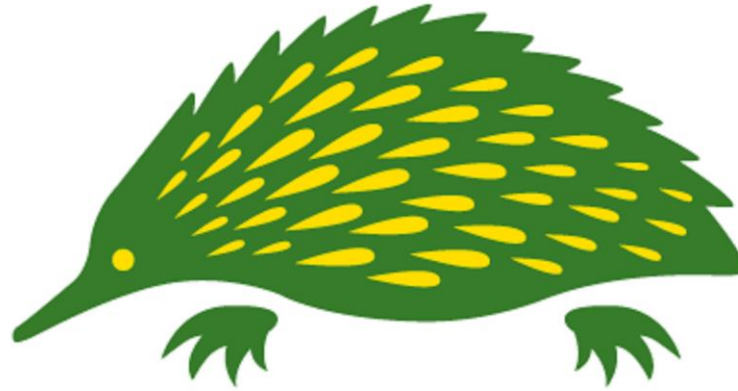






Question!





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