

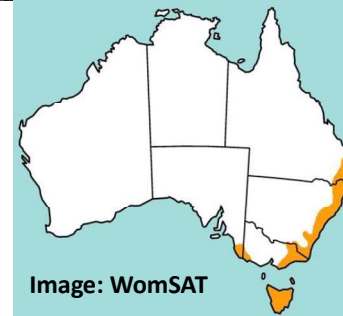
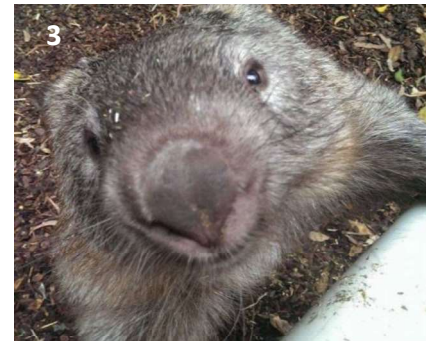
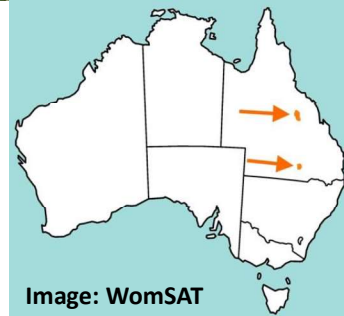
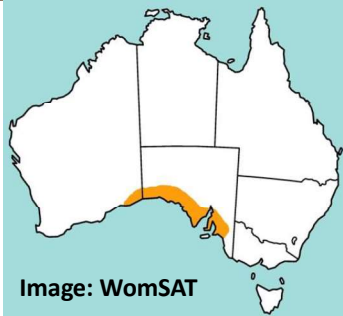
# The Wombat

- Herbivorous, burrowing marsupial.
- Females have a backward-facing pouch.
- Closest living relative is the koala.
- Polygamous: breed with more than one mate.
- A reinforced rump protects them from predators.
- Can move at speeds up to 40km/h.
- Cn live for up to 14 years in the wild and 26 years in captivity.
- Wombats produce cubic faeces.



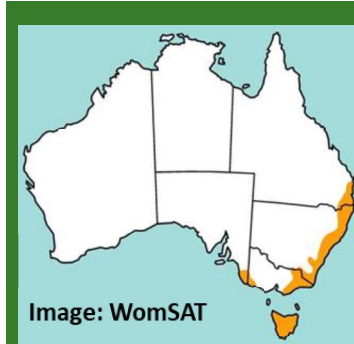
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- There are three species of wombat:
  - Southern hairy-nosed wombat (*Lasiorhinus latifrons*) (1)
  - Northern hairy-nosed wombat (*Lasiorhinus krefftii*) (2)
  - **Bare-nosed wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*) (3)**



# Wombat (*Vombatus ursinus*) Conservation

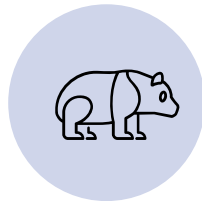
- Distributed across southeast Australia (QLD, VIC, SA, TAS).
- Their main habitat is woodland. They also occur in scrubs and coastal heath.
- Mainly feed on native grasses, tussocks, and sedges.
- Solitary and territorial.
- Tunnel system (2 – 20 m in length).
- Threats to this species include sarcoptic mange, habitat loss, predation by feral dogs, and vehicle collisions.



# Wombat Conservation Action



WomSAT - an online tool to report wombat and burrow sightings.



Become a member of your local wildlife rescue group.



Responsible pet ownership.



Drive safely.

