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Koalas



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# Chapter 1

## Physical Appearance

A koala bear is gray. They usually get up to 2 feet tall. It weighs 9 to 19 pounds. Koalas usually look like they are crying, but they are not.

A koala is very slow. It goes 2 miles per hour. Koalas have very sharp claws. It has special claws so that it can climb faster than they walk.



# Chapter 2 Habitat

A koala lives in the forest. They live in the trees. When they go to sleep, they curl up in a branch. If they have a baby, they protect them from the rain by putting them in its pouch. Then in the morning, they eat some leaves.

They climb from tree to tree and find a new place to live. Sometimes they walk around in free space off of the trees.

Koalas live in Australia. They live in five different colonies of Australia. It is humid there because of how much it rains. They are also warm blooded, so they can get cold.

Australia



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Koalas live in eastern part of Australia in the yellow shaded part.



6 months

first  
birth



## Chapter 3 Babies

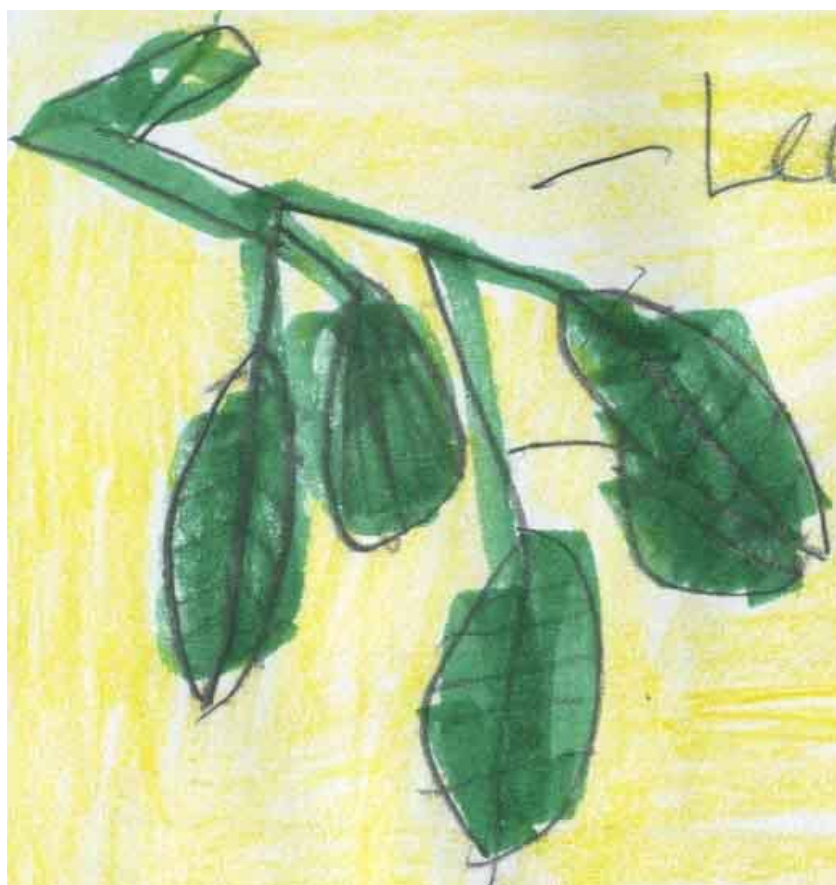
Only one baby is born at a time for a mother. The babies are called joeys.

Baby koalas are alive in their mother's belly. They have to find their way to the pouch so they can drink the milk from what the mother has digested. They get bigger the more they drink.

The babies are usually born with a pink color of their guts. The babies are usually born the size of a jelly bean. Koalas are usually born 3 inches long. Their weight at birth is 5 to 6 grams.

The joey also remains in the pouch for 6 months after it is born. After 6 months, a mother koala carries its cub on its back. The baby koala has a very good grip on its mother's back. They stay with its mom for at least a year and then go.

Leaves



twigs



Dirt

# Chapter 4

## Diet

Koalas are herbivores. That means they eat plants only. A koala bear eats mostly eucalyptus leaves and doesn't drink much water because they get moisture from the leaves they eat. They sometimes eat dirt.

They usually go down and eat from the branches on the middle of the tree. They love to eat twigs that are green. At the zoo, they eat the same things.

Sometimes the baby joey calls for its mother until it comes if it is hungry or there is danger.

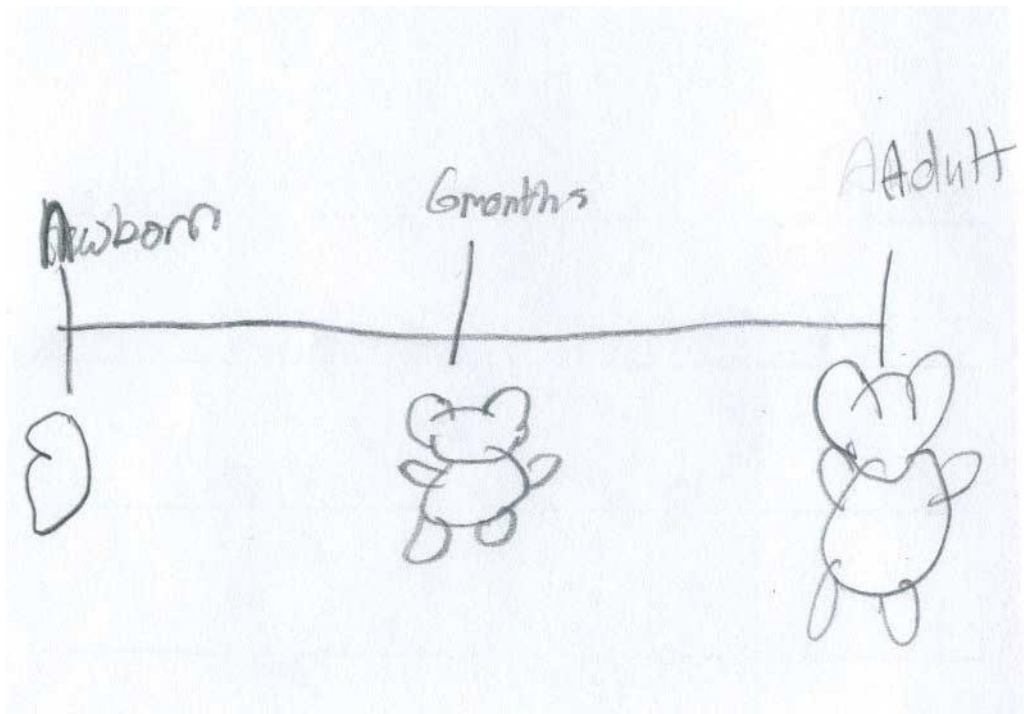


A baby in a  
pouch.

# Fun Facts

- Koala babies are called joeys.
- When the zoo keeper needs to work with baby koalas, they wrap them up in a blanket like a pouch.
- Koalas often eat a little bit of dirt.
- They usually don't make their place to live very close to other koalas.
- Koalas sleep up to twenty hours a day.
- A baby koala looks like a pink jelly bean.

A koala bear is sleeping in a tree.



A koala has a long life span, but not as long as us. The lifespan of a koala is 10 to 15 years.





A koala bear is 2 feet tall. I'm four feet and 3 inches.

# Glossary

**joey**- the babies name

**pouch**- is where the baby stays for 6 months

