

Common Wombat

Vombatus ursinus



My name is **Jimmy**.
I love to dig burrows and go for
walks with my keeper friends.
Grass is my favourite food.

THE BIGGEST BURROWER

The Common Wombat loves to spend time underground in its **burrow**. Their body is perfectly designed for digging. They have strong front legs with sharp claws and a round snout.

They have round, muscular bodies with small eyes and ears, as well as a large hairless nose. Their thick **fur** can be cream, brown, grey or even black in colour.

BEHAVING LIKE A WOMBAT

Common Wombats are **herbivores**, which mean they only eat plants. Their favourite thing to eat is grass, but will sometimes chew on the roots of trees and shrubs.

A wombat is a **mammal** and a **marsupial**. This means that the mother wombat feeds her baby **milk** from inside her **pouch**. A baby wombat is called a **joey**, and will grow in its mother's **pouch** until it is too big and can't fit anymore.

FINDING A WOMBAT

The Common Wombat is found only in Australia. They like to live in cooler **environments**.

Wombats spend their time **foraging** at night time because they are a **nocturnal** species. Sometimes, they will visit up to 6 different **burrows** in 1 night.

A wombat's perfect spot to build its home is in a **habitat** that has lots of eucalyptus trees, shrubs, bushes and grasses, as well as having a nearby place to drink.

Fast Facts

Wombat poo is cube-shaped.

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The wombat is the largest **burrowing** plant eating **mammal** in the world.

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A newborn wombat **joey** is the size of a jellybean.

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A male wombat is called a Jack and a female wombat is called a Jill.

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Wombat **pouches** face backwards to prevent it from filling up with soil and stones when **burrowing**.

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Wombats are nicknamed the "Bulldozers" of the bush.