THE WALLABY

Where do they live?

Wallabies are widespread across mainland Australia, Tasmania and Papa New Guinea. Different types of wallabies live in different areas like rocky areas. Wallabies sleep a bit like dogs, they sleep on their sides.

What do they eat?

Wallabies are herbivores. They eat grass and plants. Their elongated faces leave plenty of jaw room.

How do they survive?

Wallabies survive by having a lot of food. Wallabies cover vast distances for food and water, which is often scarce in their environment. Wallabies can defend themselves with hard kicks, and biting! Wild dogs, foxes, and feral cats are among their predators. Wallabies are hunted for meat and fur.

General description

Wallabies are small or mid-sized animals native to Australia. They belong to the same family as kangaroos. Young wallabies are known as joeys, like many other marsupials. Adult male wallabies are referred to as bucks, boomers, or jacks. An adult female wallaby is known as a doe, flyer, or jill. A group of wallabies is called a court, mob, or troupe.

Although members of most wallaby species are small, some can grow up to approximately two metres in length (from head to end of tail). Their powerful hind legs are not only used for bounding at high speeds and jumping great heights, but also to administer vigorous kicks to fend off potential predators. Wallabies also have a powerful tail that is used mostly for balance and support.