

The Quokka

The Quokka is a small Macropod, the size of your average cat. It can be found mainly on the Rottnest Island and also on mainland Western Australia. Like other Macropods the Quokka is a herbivore and is also nocturnal.



Like most Macropods the Quokka survives on a diet of grass, herbs and other leaves

but will eat almost anything

that's green.

They are nocturnal so they are active at night.



The quokka is about 80 centimetres long and it

weighs roughly 4 kilograms. The Quokka has soft grey fur. Like the wallaby Quokkas love to hop around. Quokkas can often be found in large groups called shakas near water holes. They do this so they are harder to be caught by predators.

Having a light brown fur coat allows the Quokka to hide from predators in the twigs and branches. Since quokkas live in a hot and dry climate they have adapted so they can go long periods of time without water.

There are around 10,000 Quokkas still alive a Very small population also survive in mainland western Australia which makes them very rare to find.

Glossary

Rottnest Island is a small island close to perth.

A **Macropod** is a species of animal that is small and is a herbivore.

A **Predator** is an animal that hunts other animals.

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