

A koala is shown clinging to a tree trunk. The koala's thick, grey fur is visible, and its limbs are wrapped around the bark. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a forest environment. The word "Koalas" is written in a large, blue, cursive font across the top of the image.

Koalas

What koalas look like:

Size: 70-90cm (27-36 inch) **Weight:** 4-9kg (9-20 lb). The males are larger than females. Southern koalas are 30% larger than the Northern koalas. Koala's fur is thick soft and pleasant to touch. The ears have long white hairs on the tips.

Where they live: Koalas live in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria.

What Koala's Eat: Koala's eat eucalyptus leaves. They are very picky eaters. If they do not find any eucalyptus leaves they will not eat. The oil found in the leaves is poisonous to mammals. They live in the eucalyptus trees and the leaves provide the water that they drink. Koalas have occasionally been known to eat others foods like wattle, tea tree, paper, bark, and pine species but it is not part of their normal diet.

Special features: Koala Bears have large sharp claws to enable them to live, sleep and eat high up in the eucalyptus trees. Their paws almost look like fingers and they have special pads on the palms and soles that help them to grip.

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