



Koalas: an Endangered Species

All About Koalas

- Native to Australia
- Eucalyptus leaves are their main food source and they live in eucalyptus trees
- Live 10-18 years
- Carry their young in a belly pouch



Phascolarctos cinereus

Why are Koalas Endangered?

Climate change is increasing the rates of wildfire in Australia

Wildfires burn the trees that koalas live in, and rely on for food

In 2020, over 60,000 koalas were affected by wildfire

How To Help Our Koala Friends

Support and donate to conservation charities like World Wildlife Fund and Wildlife Conservation Network

Visit the Environmental Defense Funds website to learn more about the fight against climate change!

Audience: Koala onlookers at San Diego Zoo (educate kids with general info, and provide climate change info to kids)

Purpose: to educate onlookers about the effects of climate change on the koala population, and to inspire support of conservation efforts.

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