



Bare-nosed Wombat

The Bare-nosed Wombat, also known as the Common Wombat, has the nickname 'the bulldozer of the bush'. These Australian marsupial mammals have very short muscular legs and are amongst the world's largest burrowing animals. They are the closest relative to the Koala. The main habitat for this wombat is the temperate forest-covered areas of south-eastern Australia. The species is often found in mountainous areas. Wombats prefer to dig their main shelters on slopes above creeks and gullies, and feed in grassy clearings.

Hairy-nosed Wombat

Hairy-nosed Wombats are heavily built animals with a broad head and short legs. They have strong claws to dig burrows where they spend much of their time. The Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat may appear slow and clumsy but can move at speeds up to 40 km/h over a short distance. Threats from habitat destruction and fragmentation has resulted in the Hairy-nosed Wombat becoming another of Australia's endangered mammals.

