

WALLAROO

RANGE:

Mountainous pastures of eastern Australia, from Victoria to Queensland.

HABITAT:

This species prefers areas with rocky outcrops and/or stony ground.

SIZE:

Wallaroos are a large species of kangaroo.

Weight: Males weigh 50 – 100 pounds & Females 40–50 pounds.

Body Length: Males: 40–56 inches (100–140 cm) and Females: 30–40 inches (75–100 cm)

DIET:

Wild: Grasses & shrubs

Zoo: Native grasses, pelleted grains, assorted vegetables

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

12–16 years

BEHAVIOR:

- Relatively solitary. A mother and sub-adult may constitute a group.
- Are very agile, which is of benefit in their rocky terrain.
- Will actively dig for water, sometimes up to one meter deep
- Conserve body water by hiding in hollows under granite boulders during hottest part of the day.
- Most Wallaroos share a habit of standing with wrists raised, elbows tucked close to the body and shoulders thrown back.

REPRODUCTION:

- They are pouched marsupials.
- Sexually mature at 18–24 months. Breed throughout the year.
- Gestation period: 32 days. Blind, hairless babies are born less than 1 inch long. Climb to the pouch and attach to nipple for growth during the next 70 days.
- First trips from pouch occur at around 6 months. Joey is no longer allowed in pouch by around 9 months of age.
- Female may at anytime have a dormant young in the uterus, a joey in the pouch, and another joey at foot.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The wallaroo is considered the best adapted kangaroo for the dry climate in which they live.
- Are typically 3 recognized species of Wallaroo: the Eastern Wallaroo or Common Wallaroo, the Black Wallaroo and the Antilopine Wallaroo. Are related subspecies within these groupings.
- Wallaroos are rather large, stocky, and powerfully built rock kangaroos.
- Generally have a shaggy dark gray coat, ranging to almost black in some males.
- Adults may come together to feed in preferred spots with shade, water and reliable food sources.

STATUS:

Common

REFERENCES:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wallaroo>

<http://www.oaklandzoo.org/atoz/azwalaroo.html>

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Order: **Diprotodontia**
Family: **Macropodidae**
Genus: **Macropus**
Species: **robustus**
Sub-species: **robustus**