

# NSW KOALA COUNTRY



Australia is known for our koalas. They are one of our most loved animals and people come from all over the world to see them. Koalas were listed as a vulnerable species by the NSW Government in 1992. They are also listed as a threatened species in Queensland and the ACT.

## Koala Country

To protect NSW Koalas, we need to protect NSW Koala Country

Western Slopes & Plains

Northern Tablelands

North Coast

Central Coast

Sydney

Central & Southern Tablelands

Far West & South West

ACT

South Coast

Our NSW Koalas are special – but they are also under threat due to:

- habitat loss
- disease (such as chlamydia)
- bushfires
- heatwaves and droughts
- being hit by cars
- dog attacks
- drowning in swimming pools

## Did you know?

**Koalas live for up to 15 years in the wild**



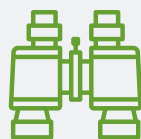
- Male koalas weigh 7-8kg and female koalas weigh 6-7kg
- Koalas are marsupials and their closest relative is the wombat
- Koalas sleep for up to 18-20 hours every day
- Koalas eat 250-500g of leaves each day
- The word Koala originates from a Dharug word meaning 'No water', however we now know it's a myth that koalas don't need water.
- Koalas are threatened in NSW and need our help to survive – studies estimate a 26% decline in koala numbers over the past 20 years

## There are lots of things you can do to help!



**Drive carefully:** Slow down in areas where koalas live, especially in breeding season (August-February) as more koalas are on the move during this time.

**Reduce the risk of dog attacks:** Keep dogs on leads when walking and at night.



**Count koalas:** Report a koala sighting or join a community group that conducts koala surveys.



Help injured koalas: If you see an injured koala contact XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.



**Speak with others in your community about how they can help koalas:** The more people that care about koalas, the better.



**Plant koala food trees:** Protect or restore koala habitat on your property – or join a community group that plants trees.

To find out more about what you can do to help keep NSW Koalas safe and thriving for generations to come, visit: [koalacountry.com.au](http://koalacountry.com.au)