

Marsupial poo search

Ask your family to go on a bush walk in a nearby state forest or national park. What animals might you spy on a bush walk?

Sometimes animals are very good at hiding but we can find evidence of them by looking at the ground. Can you find any animal poo?

Whose poo do you think it might be?



Uneven ball shapes, darker on the outside, but the inside is dry and yellowish-green, so you can easily see that the kangaroo's main food is grass and leaves.

You'll often find it in small piles, or even in lines.

On a bush walk these are the easiest marsupial scats to find.



Because Koalas diets and comprised mostly of Eucalyptus leaves their poos smells strongly of eucalyptus.

Koalas spend all day and night pooping and can produce up to 360 poo pellets a day.

Koala Joeys will eat their mums' poo to help get their stomachs ready to eat eucalyptus leaves.



You'll never mistake a wombat poo for any other animal's, because wombats are famous for doing square poo. This is thought to happen due to their slow digestion and uneven intestinal shape.

Wombats like to poo on top of things such as logs, grasses or rocks so show their territory or even to attract a mate. Having square poos help the poos stay in place



Brushtail possum scat is a similar shape to koala poo, but a little smaller, and it can range from greenish brown to dark brown or black, depending whether they're helping themselves to garden fruit trees or eating leaves.

