

Am I your BUSH Bud?

Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby

About me:

The Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby is sometimes nicknamed "the shadow", due to its extremely shy nature which makes it difficult to find.

One of only 16 rock wallaby species, the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby can be distinguished by its long dark tail, which, as its name suggests, has a thick brush at the tip. This tail not only looks good, but has an important role to play in helping the wallaby balance as it leaps over boulders, navigates ledges, and explores caves and passageways in its rocky habitat. In addition, flexible padded feet, and strong hind legs make the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby perfectly adapted to rugged terrain.

Once widespread in the mountainous country of south-eastern Australia, from southern Queensland to the Grampians in Victoria, the wallaby's natural range has been greatly reduced.



Threats:

Between 1800 and 1900 hunting efforts significantly reduced colony numbers as Wallabies were killed for the commercial fur trade.

Remaining populations of Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies have faced predation by introduced pests such as red foxes, whilst also compete for food against introduced rabbit and goat populations.

Become my Bush Bud!

Take a stand for Canberra's Nature and sign up to get the chance to walk with an expert in the habitat of the Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby!

