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Yellow-footed Antechinus Fun Facts

What do I look like?

- I'm a tiny marsupial – that means I carry my babies in a pouch, just like a kangaroo!
- I'm slightly larger than a mouse, with big dark eyes for seeing at night.
- The fur on my head and shoulders is grey and the rest of my body is yellowish-brown to reddish-orange, which is where my name comes from!

Where do I live?

- I live in parts of Canberra's woodlands and open forests.
- I'm most often found in areas with lots of ground cover like leaf litter and fallen logs.
- In the ACT, I'm sometimes spotted in nature reserves near grassland conservation areas and in healthy bush habitat.

When am I awake?

- I'm nocturnal, which means I sleep during the day and come out at night to hunt.
- In the day, I hide in leaf litter, hollow logs, fallen trees or under bark to stay safe.

What do I eat?

- I'm a little predator! I love to eat insects, spiders, moths, beetles, cockroaches, and other small creepy-crawlies.
- My sharp teeth help me catch my food quickly.

Why do I need help?

- Even though I'm not endangered, I still face threats in Canberra:
 - Loss of habitat from development and land clearing.
 - Predators like cats and foxes.
 - Bushfires and hot, dry weather that reduce my food and shelter.

How can you help me?

- Keep cats indoors.
- Stay on tracks when walking in nature so you don't damage my hiding spots.
- Speak up about the importance of protecting nature with the people in your life