

# Am I your BUSH Bud?

## Eastern Quoll

### About me:

Do you enjoy a mainly solitary lifestyle? Are you small but mighty? Then you may have found the perfect bush bud in the Eastern Quoll! Nocturnal by nature, this cat-sized carnivore is feisty and smart, using their brains to prey on gliders, possums, small wallabies, rats, birds, bandicoots, rabbits, and insects.

The eastern quoll has a pointed nose, a bushy tail, and is covered in white spots. Amazingly, a female Quoll's pouch is only temporary – she develops it for the breeding season alone. Quolls make their dens in tree hollows, logs, rock crevasses and even among building materials. Baby quolls start life as tiny, rice-grain sized embryos which grow up in their mothers pouch. When they no longer fit in the pouch, they hitch a ride on her back as she forages for grubs – a favourite food for smaller quolls.



### Threats:

Eastern quolls became extinct on the mainland around 50 years ago but remain relatively widespread in Tasmania. You can still find them in Mulligans Flat in the ACT where they are protected from threats such as domestic cats and foxes.

Their mainland extinction is a sad and serious issue because, as a predator, they perform a valuable role in the food chain.

## 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 Eastern Quoll!

