



WALLABY

Wallabia elegans

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The wallaby is approximately three to three and a half feet in length.

WEIGHT

An adult wallaby averages between 35 and 45 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The wallaby eats a variety of grasses and other vegetation, including ferns.

HABITAT

The wallaby is frequently found in hilly areas with open forests and grassy understory.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The wallaby is found in all states of Australia and in Papua New Guinea.

FUN FACT

The wallaby will lick its forearms to increase evaporative cooling.



The wallaby is a smaller species of kangaroo with front feet that are less than ten inches long. It has a pale coat with contrasting black bands on the face and a pouch in which the young eat and drink milk. Like kangaroos, they carry their young, which are also called joeys, in that pouch. Wallabies are herbivorous. They are found in all the states of Australia and in Papua New Guinea. They are not vocal animals, but they do occasionally make a coughing sound that indicates the presence of danger. When the wallaby is trying to escape a predator, it flees in a zig-zag pattern, bouncing back and forth to confuse the predator.

