

Bennett's Wallaby

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Scientific name Macropus Rufogriseus

Classification Diprotodontia, Macropodidae

Distribution the forest-plains of Southeastern Australia, Tasmania and King Island.

Feeding Habits Leaves, bark, grass, etc.

Characteristics It can grab and eat tree branches and grass dexterously by the small forefeet with claws. It has large and strong hind legs with well-developed muscles and it jumps with its hind legs while balancing with its tail when it needs to move faster.

Behavior and ecology The comparatively smaller species among the Macropodidae is called a "wallaby". Therefore, there is a pouch in the female's tummy, and the infant is raised in the pouch as same as other kangaroos. The infant weighs only 1g and are born immature with no hair. It is a nocturnal animal, usually behaves solitary in the forest and rarely appears in open areas such as plains. During the day, it rests quietly in the bush and starts foraging from the evening.

