

## Western Ring Tail Possum



**Status:** Vulnerable  
**Size:** 30 - 35 cm, long plus tail = 60 - 70 cm long  
**About:** Rabbit sized tree-dwelling marsupial able to survive well with humans. It has a long white-tipped prehensile tail that can be used to carry nesting material as well as to grip branches.  
**Diet:** Primarily eats leaves supplemented by flowers, fruits, nectar and shoots.

*Pseudocheirus occidentalis*

## Western Pygmy Possum, Mundarda



**Status:** Not threatened  
**Size:** Mouse sized tree-dwelling marsupial with a strong prehensile scaled tail.  
**About:** Can lower their body temperature for up to 11 days. Nocturnal and frequently taken by feral cats.  
**Diet:** Nectar, pollen, seeds and insects.

*Cercartetus concinnus*

## Brushtail Possum



**Status:** Priority 3 fauna  
**Size:** About the size of a cat but with a much longer tail  
**About:** Nocturnal cat sized tree-dwelling marsupial lives in tree hollows and dense undergrowth. It is common throughout Australia. Can live up to 15 years. Frequently cohabits with humans.  
**Diet:** Eats mainly leaves of native trees, fruits, blossoms, grass and insects.

*Trichosurus vulpecula*

## Honey Possum, Noolbenger



**Status:** Not endangered  
**Size:** 40 - 95 cm long  
**About:** Mouse sized tree-dwelling marsupial with a brush-tipped tongue but is not really a possum. Is found only in the southwest of Western Australia where there is a high diversity of flowering plants. Identified by central dark stripe flanked by paler bands on its back  
**Diet:** Needs native flowers all year round as the diet is entirely made up of nectar from flowers. Have a preference for banksias, dryandras, grevilleas and hakeas.

*Tarsipes spencerae*

## Quenda



**Status:** Priority 4 fauna  
**Size:** Rabbit sized marsupial with a short tail.  
**About:** Nocturnal but can be active during the day.  
**Diet:** Omnivorous diet includes earthworms, beetles, underground fungi and other plant material and small vertebrates. Capable of high reproductive rate in favourable conditions.

*Isodon obesulus*

## Woylie



**Status:** Priority 4 listed, vulnerable to foxes  
**Size:** 60 - 74cm  
**About:** Rabbit sized kangaroo-like marsupial with strong, clawed forefeet used for digging and a prehensile tail for gathering nesting materials.  
**Diet:** Fruiting bodies from underground fungi are considered to be the major food source but also eat bulbs, tubers, seeds and insects. Woylies do not eat any green plant material. They do not need to drink as it obtains all its water from its food.

*Bettongia penicillata*

## Echidna



**Status:** Common  
**Size:** 30 - 45 cm long  
**About:** One of few egg-laying mammals. Has short spines on its back, tubular snout and long sticky tongue.  
**Diet:** Termites, ants, worms and other invertebrates which are dug up with the forefeet. Excellent for controlling termites.

*Tachyglossus aculeatus*

## Yellow-footed Antechinus, Mardo



**Status:** Abundant  
**Size:** Mouse-sized carnivorous marsupial  
**About:** Makes a nest in hollow logs. Young cling to the mother's back. Males die after breeding.  
**Diet:** Omnivorous, eating insects, invertebrates, vertebrates, flowers and nectar.

*Antechinus flavipes*

## Ash Grey Mouse



**Status:** Vulnerable to land clearing  
**Size:** 8.5 - 1.15 cm  
**About:** Nocturnal and sociable, tunneling into the sand to about one metre below the surface.  
**Diet:** Seeds, green vegetation, lichen and insects. Does not need to drink as it obtains all its water from its food.

*Pseudomys alborcinereus*

## Western Grey Kangaroo



**Status:** Abundant  
**Size:** 1.4 to 2.4 metres including tail  
**About:** Most active in the late afternoon and early morning.  
**Diet:** Grazes on native grasses, herbs and shrubs.

*Macropus fuliginosus ocydromus*

## Brushtail Phascogale



**Status:** In decline, Priority 3 fauna  
**Size:** 40 cm including tail  
**About:** Nocturnal. Has large furless ears and builds nests in tree hollows. The males die shortly after mating and the young are raised by the female.  
**Diet:** Carnivorous, eats insects, spiders and ants found on trunks and branches of fallen trees.

*Phascogale tapoatafa*

## Western Quoll, Chuditch



**Status:** Vulnerable, rare and endangered  
**Size:** 35 cm, plus tail = 65 cm long  
**About:** Survives today only in a restricted habitat area of forest or dry woodland living in hollow logs.  
**Diet:** Carnivorous, solitary marsupial, eating small vertebrates up to the size of a rabbit.

*Dasyurus geoffroii*

## Fat-tailed Dunnart



**Status:** Common  
**Size:** 6-9cm  
**About:** Nocturnal, resting in hollows during the day. During autumn and winter groups will huddle together to keep warm.  
**Diet:** Mainly insects and spiders. Do not need to drink as it obtains all its water from its food.

*Sminthopsis crassicaudata*

# Native Fauna Species of the Perth Hills