



## AUSTRALIAN THREATENED SPECIES

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# BRUSH-TAILED ROCK-WALLABY

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**Did You Know?**

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*Petrogale penicillata*

- ▶▶ The Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby is a small, shy, reddish brown rock wallaby weighing 5 to 8 kg. It has a characteristic long, bushy tail and white cheek blazes.
- ▶▶ The Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby is the only wallaby that is known to climb and sleep in trees! They normally live in steep, rocky habitat which they leave in the evening and early mornings to browse grasses and other edible vegetation.
- ▶▶ The Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby is now so rare and elusive that it has been nicknamed 'The Shadow'. It was once abundant, living along the east coast ranges of Australia.
- ▶▶ The Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby is considered vulnerable nationally but critically endangered in Victoria where there is only 6 animals left in the wild!
- ▶▶ In the late 1800s, some wallabies were introduced to parts of New Zealand, where they became well established. In 2003 some of these Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies were relocated to Australia for captive breeding purposes at Waterfall Springs.

To find out more about Australia's Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby and how you can help to save them contact:



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