

What can I do?

- Check to see if it's injured from a distance.
- Give the koala space to leave. Koalas on the ground are particularly vulnerable.
- Make sure the koala is able to leave.
- Keep pets away.
- Never try to pat or pick up a koala.
- Drive slowly.

If you find a sick or injured koala, call 136 186 or scan the QR code to go to the [Help for Injured Wildlife Tool](#) for a local contact.



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Living with Wildlife Koalas in your backyard



Koalas cross backyards, lawns, bushland, sporting fields, golf courses, roads, footpaths and open areas to find food, trees and mates.

Koalas may end up in backyards because of urbanisation, searching for food or water, or seeking shelter in trees or cooler areas.

In some areas of Victoria, koalas are in high numbers and trees die because they eat too many leaves. This can affect koala health.

Koalas rest in all types of trees, not just eucalypts. This does not mean they are unwell.

If a koala isn't injured, leave it alone. The koala will move on when it's ready.

Koalas are not endangered in Victoria and South Australia. They are listed as endangered in Queensland, New South Wales and Canberra.



Did you know?

Koalas have a loud, distinctive call that sounds like bellowing and grunting.

Koalas sleep for up to 22 hours a day.

Koalas have four thumbs, with two on each front paw.

Koalas have fingerprints that look almost like human fingerprints.

They live on a diet of eucalyptus leaves and can eat up to 400g of leaves a day!

How to keep koalas out of your yard

Build a koala-proof fence. It must:

- be at least 1.5 metres high.
- be made of solid material (e.g. tin, steel) or chain-wire with sheet metal attached to the top.
- have no gaps.
- have no trees or shrubs growing or overhanging the fence within 3 metres.

Is it a male or female koala?



Smaller ears
and nose

Female



Chest gland

Male

