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(plural: koala bears | koh-ah-luh-bair | kou'ɑ lə bæər)

The Koala Bear (*Phascolarctos Cinereus*) is a herbivorous mammal and a member of the Phascolarctidae family. The Koala is native only to Australia and feeds mainly on the leaves of the eucalypt trees. Koalas are asocial and sedentary animals, sleeping up to 20 hours each day. Most are solitary and only forming bonds between their mothers and offspring. Koala bears have very few natural predators; however, the biggest killer is bacteria and diseases that continuously threaten the Koala colonies. Male koalas, known as boars, use large bellows to scare off other koalas from their territories and attract female mates, which are known as does. The young koalas are known as joeys.

**Interesting Fact:** Koala Bears are known to engage in same-sex relationships and behaviours, male-male and female-female.

