

*Draw a tree hollow for this
Numbat to live in.*



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Numbat *Myrmecobius fasciatus*

**Western Australia's
Mammal Emblem**

Unlike most other marsupials, Numbats do not have a pouch. Up to four young are born each year, usually in the warm summer month of January. After staying attached to their mum's teats for around six months, they will be left in a burrow. They will start to explore the outside world by late September, and will become independent by the end of the year.

This unique marsupial is found only in the eucalypt woodlands of south-west WA. A burrow or tree hollow provides a nice place to sleep, as well as an escape from the heat of the midday sun, or natural predators like pythons and eagles. Sadly, they are also threatened by introduced predators like foxes and feral cats.

Perth Zoo's Native Species Breeding Program plays an important role in ensuring the survival of this unique species, having bred and released more than 140 Numbats into protected habitat since 1987.

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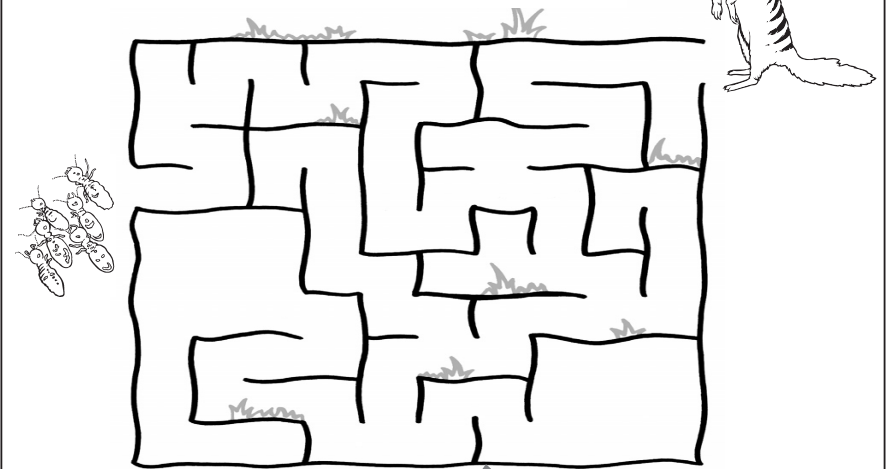
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BURROW
DIURNAL
HOLLOW

MARSUPIAL
NUMBAT
PREDATOR

STRIPES
TERMITES
THREATENED

Help this Numbat get to its favourite food – termites!



Did You Know?
Numbats only eat termites – up to 20,000 every day!

Did You Know?

Due to problems such as habitat loss and introduced predators like foxes, there may only be as few as 1,000 Numbats left in the wild.

