## The koala is

 one of the best known and most loved animals in Australia.
## Koalas live

 in lightlywooded areas
containing
suitable food.



## They are very fussy

 eaters, feeding almost entirely on eucalyptus leaves.
## Koalas seldom drink, as they obtain enough water from the diet of leaves.



The koala sleeps in a fork of a tree for most of the day and moves about and feeds at night. It is most active just after sunset.

## The koala is

 often incorrectly called a "Koala Bear". It is not related to the bear family at all, as it is a marsupial mammal, not a placental.


## A koala's

 average life span in wild is about 12 years , but they have been known to live for over 15 years in captivity.