



## Bilby

The Bilby is a nocturnal omnivorous **marsupial** inhabiting arid areas of **central Australia**. Its distinctive features are a long bandicoot muzzle and huge ears. It is the same size as a rabbit. It is a skilled burrower, and uses its strong forepaws and claws to build tunnel systems that double as shelters from both the heat and predators. Females' **pouch** faces backwards – a feature enabling them to dig their tunnels without getting it filled with dirt. The bilby is an **endangered species**, as feral cats and foxes (introduced by European settlers in the 19th century) have been posing a major threat to the survival of this animal.



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