



Numbat

Numbats are **termite-eating marsupials** measuring between 35 and 45 centimeters in length. The introduction of the **red fox** at the hands of European settlers in the 18th century almost wiped out this creature from the face of the earth. Today, numbats are found only in small areas of **eucalypt forest** located in **South-Western Australia**, close to Perth. An intensive conservation program has successfully increased the numbat population over the last 30 years. **Perth Zoo** is very involved in breeding this native species in captivity for release into fox-free wild areas. Despite these efforts, though, the numbat remains an **endangered species**.



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