

Australia, the Land Down Under



The Australian Numbat



The numbat, also called the banded anteater, mainly eats termites or white ants with its long sticky tongue. A numbat eats 10,000 or more termites each day. This gentle, squirrel-like animal is active by day. At night, it sleeps in a hollow log or under fallen timber. Numbats are slow moving animals that "trot" about with its bushy tail held high.