

Koala food and habitat tree's list

Plant these tree's for koalas & ensure their survival

<i>Eucalyptus cephalocarpa</i>	Silver leaf stringy bark*
<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	Swamp gum*
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	River red gum*
<i>Eucalyptus dives</i>	Broadleaf or blue peppermint*
<i>Eucalyptus microcarpa</i>	narrow leaf box*
<i>Eucalyptus pauciflora</i>	snow gum, *white sallee
<i>Eucalyptus pryoriana</i>	Gippsland manna gum*
<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i>	Narrow leaf peppermint*
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	Ribbon or manna gum*
<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate*
<i>Eucalyptus Globulus</i>	South Gippsland blue Gum
<i>Eucalyptus nortonii</i>	large leaf box
<i>Eucalyptus inorabilis</i>	scent bark
<i>Eucalyptus luecoxylon</i>	yellow gum, iron bark

* indigenous to Mornington Peninsula

Koalas can be fussy eaters but there are over 28 gum species that are indigenous to Victoria, many of these species they will eat however it takes many years for tree's to reach maturity and often koalas are not attracted to the immature leaf. That is why it is so important to save the older tree's, Koalas often feed on the exact same tree every night it may be one of just a few it will visit on it's nightly feeding routine.

Creating koala food tree plantations is important but they also need corridors or connecting trees to ensure they don't need to come to ground to feed or move,. Planting in a continuous line is most helpful to the koalas, allows them to move about safely, encourages natural movement & browsing along with mat-ing.

What to do if you find an injured Koala

- Cover the koala with a blanket
- Call our hotline for advice
- If it is safe for you to do so remove the animal from any further danger
- If it has been attacked by a dog ensure the dog is removed and secured well away from the koala
- Do not offer the koala anything to eat or drink
- Stay with the injured animal until wildlife rescuers arrive
- If the koala has ascended a tree mark the tree clearly by attaching something that can easily be seen.
- Keep movement and noise to a minimum
- If on a roadside put your hazard lights on and call for help
- If the koala has died check the sex, if female check the pouch for a joey, koala pouches face down ward & are located between the inside thighs
- If dead and male please remove the body off the road, well clear of traffic lanes
- Notify our hotline of any dead or injured koala's so they can be Pouch checked and added to our Koala map, with a picture, date and address.

0435822699
24 hour hotline



Protecting Koalas & their habitat

what you can do

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Koala populations on the greater Mornington Peninsula

Many people have recently moved to the peninsula or are planning a future move, however the very thing that attracts them to the peninsula is often the first thing they effect.

The once pristine region of Frankston & the Mornington Peninsula is home to a diverse range of animals. Unfortunately the habitat of the area is being reduced at an alarming rate. The greatest effect is being seen by our most lovable and iconic creature, the Koala.



Koalas rely solely on leaf from eucalypts to feed and as such select the same trees to travel to on a nightly basis, which is when they do most of their activity. Many of these tree's also support and often house sugar glider and feathertail glider populations, along with many diverse bird species that also rely on similar habitat and food sources.

During daytime hours they can often be found in well shaded area's. A koala needs to feed constantly due to its slow metabolic rate and its specialized diet. In order for a koalas body to convert the eucalyptus to energy it must undertake many differing processes.

The 3 P's to protecting our koalas

Preserve

Preserve the remaining old tree's in your area and ask your council to list them as significant tree's . Ask for tree's to be trimmed rather than cut down. Bush land areas need to be protected and regenerated

Plant more koala food, habitat & movement (corridor) tree's listed on the back of this brochure

Protect the koala's we have by keeping your dogs on your property and inside at night (when koalas move about more often). Be aware of animals potential to cross roads at night on the Peninsula and slow down. By travelling at 80km you will greatly reduce your chances of a collision with a koala. Report any injury or unusual behavior to Animalia wildlife rescue. Leave large shallow dishes of water at bases of gum tree's in hot weather.

Plant

Protect



What is koala habitat

Koala's need to be able to travel large distances when needed for food and mating purposes, however they often become victims of dog attack or car impact due to the need to come to ground to move freely around the landscape. This is due mainly to mans impact on the natural environment by clearing of land for building road construction and introduction of large predators. Koala habitat provides protection from the aforementioned issues and provides enough leaf for them to eat. Land care groups, Councils, private landowners and community organizations can make a difference



by planting suitable areas to provide habitat for our koalas.

Their future is in our hands

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