

# Marsupials of Australia



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## Our List of Marsupials:

**What are the names of some of Australia's native marsupials?  
Where did these names originate from?**

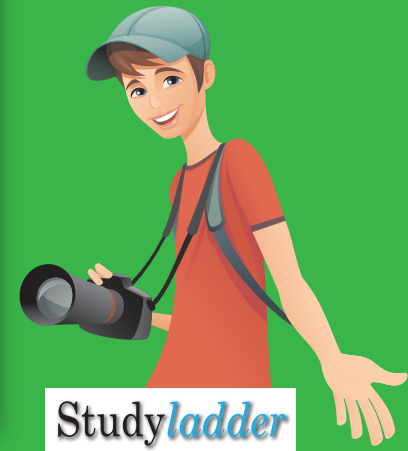


# Common Wombat:

The name 'wombat' is derived from the Dharug language of the indigenous people of Sydney. The Wiradjuri people of NSW called it 'wambad.'



*Vombatus*  
*ursinus*  
(Common  
Wombat)



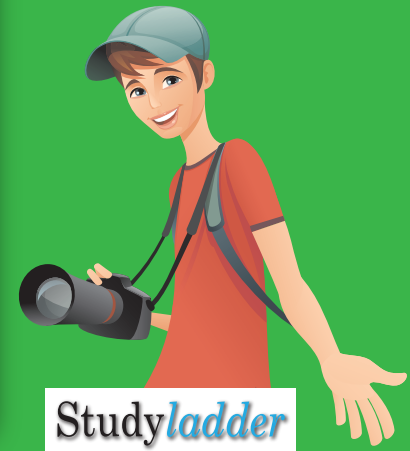


# Tasmanian Devil:

European settlers named this marsupial the 'devil' due to the frightening screams they make when they are squabbling at night. Indigenous names for the Tasmanian Devil include 'taraba' and 'poirinnah.'



*Sarcophilus  
harrisii*  
(Tasmanian Devil)



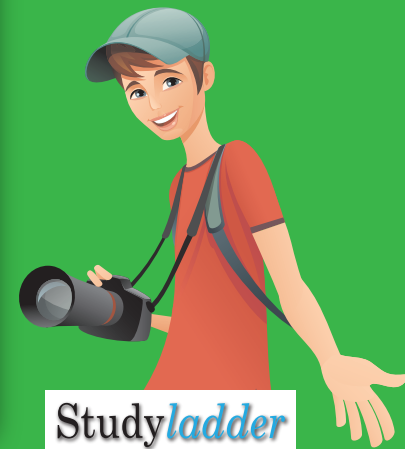


# Long-Nosed Bandicoot:

Long-nosed Bandicoot: 'Bandicoot' is not an indigenous name. It comes from the Indian name for large rat.



*Perameles  
nasuta*  
(Long-nosed  
bandicoot)



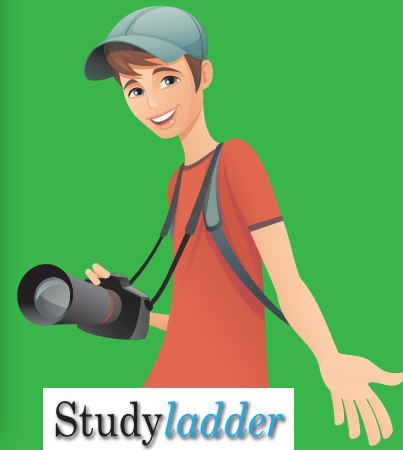


# Numbat:

This name is borrowed from the Nyungar people of the south west region of Western Australia.



*Myrmecobius  
fasciatus*  
(Numbat)



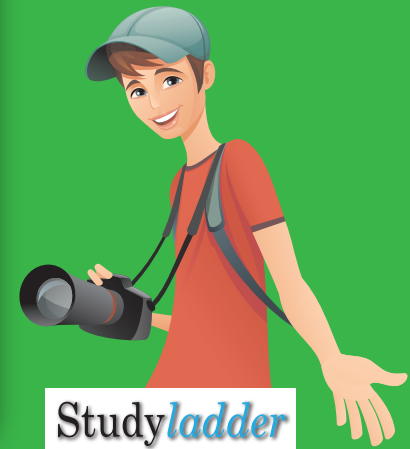


# Tiger Quoll or Spotted-Tailed Quoll:

The name of this marsupial came from the Guugu Yimithirr people of Far North Queensland.



*Myrmecobius  
fasciatus*  
(Tiger Quoll or  
Spotted-tailed  
Quoll)



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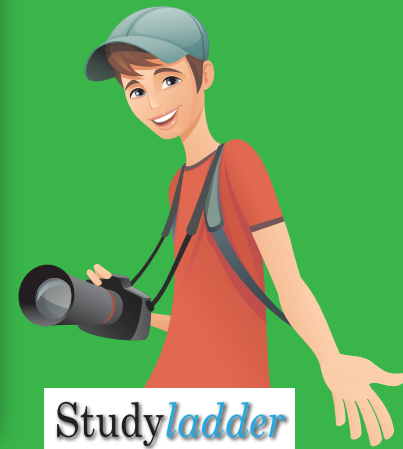


# Eastern Grey Kangaroo:

The name 'kangaroo' is from the Guugu Yimithirr people of Northern Queensland, 'gangurro'.



*Macropus  
giganteus*  
(Eastern Grey  
Kangaroo)



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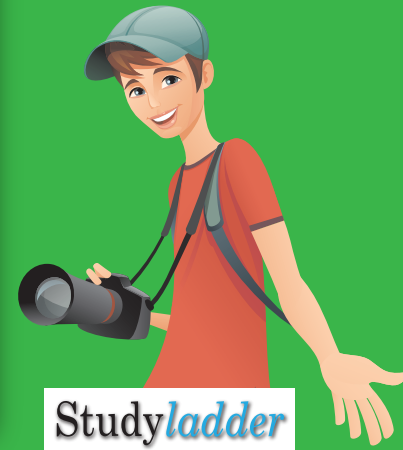


# Quokka:

The name 'quokka' comes from the Nyungar indigenous word for the animal, 'kwoka.'



*Setonix  
brachyurus*  
(Quokka)



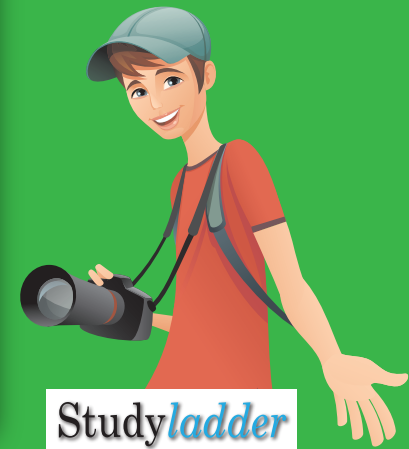


# Long-Nosed Potoroo:

The Eora people of Sydney called this animal 'poto-roo'.



*Potorous  
tridactylus*  
(Long-nosed  
potaroo)



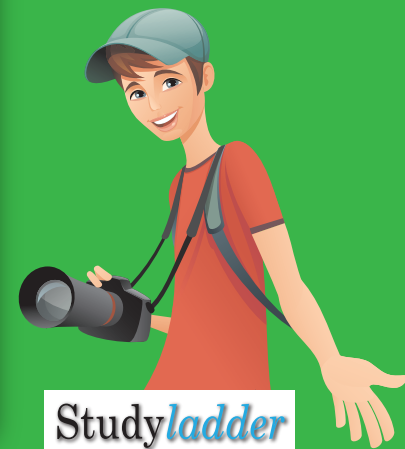


# Pademelon:

The name Pademelon comes from the word 'badimaliyan' in the Dharug language of Port Jackson, Sydney.



*Thylogale*  
(pademelon)



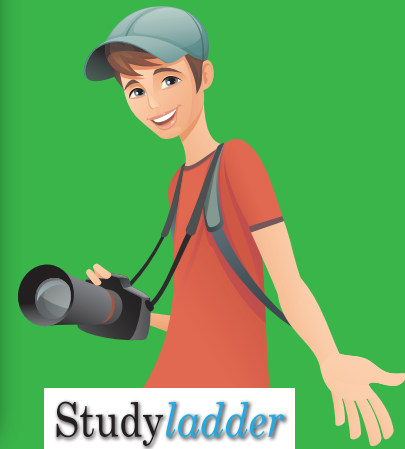


# Koala:

The word 'Koala' comes from the word 'gula' in the Dharung language of Sydney. Other indigenous names from different regions include cullawine, bangaroo, and karbor.



*Phascolarctos  
cinereus*  
(koala)



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