

White-footed Dunnarts

Cute and compact hunters

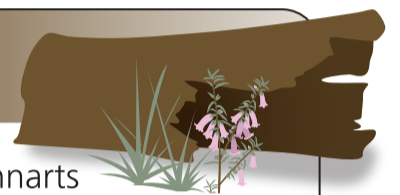


Habitat



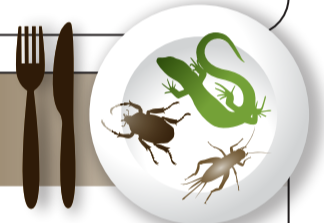
White-footed Dunnarts live near Victoria's coast and mountains. They make a home in the heath. Heathy plants are short and messy. They are good cover for a hungry hunter!

Shelter



White-footed Dunnarts build nests in tree hollows and under or inside fallen logs. Sometimes, they even shelter under strips of bark or tangled heathy plants.

Food



These nocturnal carnivores love to eat insects. When the sun sets, White-footed Dunnarts come out to hunt for bugs like crickets and beetles. Sometimes they munch on lizards.

Protection



Dunnarts find shelter and food under plant cover. Their shelter and food disappear when heath is cleared or burned too often. Foxes and feral cats are their predators.

Care



Rangers and volunteers care for heathlands by using controlled fire. Small fires in cool seasons leave places for animals to hide. It's also important to leave habitat logs where you find them.

Features

White-footed Dunnarts:

- Look like mice but are cousins of Tasmanian Devils and quolls
- Have long tails that help them balance when climbing
- Use their sharp teeth and claws to catch their dinner
- Have big eyes and ears to find their way around at night-time
- Are marsupials whose babies grow in a pouch
- Weigh about the same as 5 grapes
- Are about as long as two playing cards

