

# Leadbeater's Possum

## Victoria's Forest Fairies

### Features



#### Leadbeater's possums:

- Have a club-shaped tail
- Have a black stripe down their back
- Are tiny marsupials whose babies grow in a pouch
- Are smaller than an adult's hand and weigh less than an apple
- Sleep all day and are awake all night
- Are a Victorian emblem



### Habitat



Leadbeater's possums are fussy and only live in cold, wet forests with big, old trees. There aren't many forests like this left in Victoria.

### Shelter



Leadbeater's possums find shelter inside hollows, which are holes that form in really old trees. They use bark to build nests inside their hollows to make them cosy.

### Food



Leadbeater's possums like to eat sugary food, full of energy. They run around the treetops at night looking for saps, gum, honeydew and insects to munch on.

### Protection



Looking after old trees that Leadbeater's possums use for shelter is very important. Their forests need protection from bushfires and logging.

### Care



While waiting for trees to form hollows, possums will sometimes live in nest boxes that rangers and friends put in trees. How could you be a friend for wildlife?