


**JOEY SCOUT SECTION - MEETING PROGRAM**

<b>DATE:</b> ____/____/____	<b>THEME:</b> <b>Koalas</b>	<b>SUB THEME:</b> <b>Koalas and the Environment</b>	<b>MEETING TYPE</b> <b>IN/OUTDOORS</b>	<b>LEADER:</b>
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<b>TIME</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>METHODS OF LEARNING</b>	<b>ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	
	2-3	OPENING PARADE	Announcements	Australian Flag Joey Scout Flag	
	5	Game 1	<b>Koala without a Tree</b>	Blanket or sheet	
	15	Craft	<b>Climbing Koala</b>		
	10	Activity 1	<b>Koala Eyes</b>	Template, string, pens, scissors	
	10	Game 2	<b>Koala Relay</b>	Gum leaf	
	5	Story	<b>Koala Lou</b>		
	10	Game 3	<b>Koala Gets Home</b>		
	5	Song	<b>I'm A Little Koala</b>		
	10	Talk	<b>Save the Koala</b>		
	10	Activity 2	<b>Australian Animal - Label Me</b>		
	2-3	CLOSING PARADE	Presentations, Notices	Australian Flag, Joey Scout Flag Prayer	



## OPENING PARADE

### Preparation for Opening Parade

Ensure that the Australian flag is correctly folded for breaking, and is hoisted to the masthead by the leader before parade is called.

**Leader:** “*Joey Scouts on Parade*”

**Joey Scouts:** Form a circle  
(Leaders and Helpers join the circle)

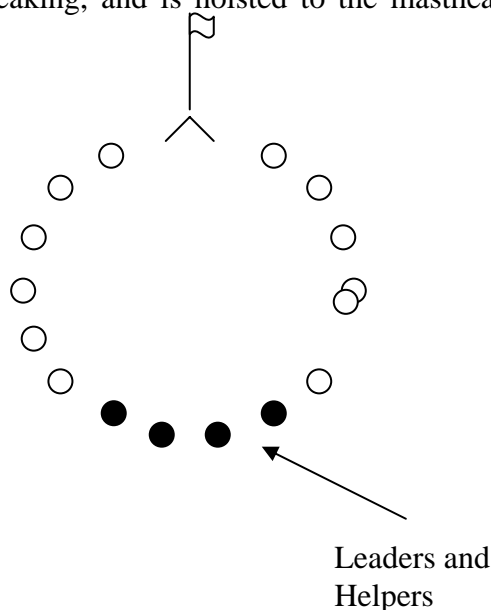
**Leader:** “*Joey Scouts - Alert*”

**Leader or a 7 year old Joey Scout:** Breaks the flag

**Leader:** “*Joey Scouts - Salute*”

**Leader:** “*Prepare for Prayer*”

**Prayer** (or optional song)



### Announcements

To nights Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Special events: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays: \_\_\_\_\_

**Leader:** “*Joey Scouts - Break off*”  
All Joey Scouts and leaders turn to the right and move off.



<b>GAME 1</b>	<b>Koala Without a Tree</b>	<b>MINUTES - 5</b>
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**Equipment:** blanket or sheet

**Method:**

- Sit Joey Scouts in a circle
- Leader standing in the middle of circle with a sheet or blanket
- Have the Joey Scouts close their eyes and not look
- Cover one of the Joey Scouts with the blanket
- Get the Joey Scouts to open their eyes
- Ask the Joey Scouts to name the one that is missing (covered with the blanket).

<b>CRAFT</b>	<b>Climbing Koala</b>	<b>MINUTES - 15</b>
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**Equipment:** Details page 7 of this program

<b>ACTIVITY 1</b>	<b>Koala Eyes</b>	<b>MINUTES - 10</b>
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**Equipment:** Koala eyes template page 8, string, pens, scissors.

**Method:**

- Copy the template onto light card
- Joey Scouts colour in the pictures and cut it out
- Punch two holes one in either side, and tie a piece of string through each hole
- Then tie onto each Joey Scout

<b>GAME 2</b>	<b>Koala Relay</b>	<b>MINUTES - 10</b>
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**Equipment:** gum leaf (or a large leaf)

**Method:**

- Divide into two teams and then cut each team in half
- Half at one side of the playing area and the other half of the team at the other end
- Use gum leaf (or large leaf) as baton
- Players crawl on all fours like koalas passing the baton at the other end.

<b>STORY</b>	<b>Koala Lou</b>	<b>MINUTES - 5</b>
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<b>GAME 3</b>	<b>Koala gets Home</b>	<b>MINUTES - 10</b>
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**Equipment:** Nil

**Method:**

- Joey Scouts form a circle and each one is given a name such as gumleaf, bird, tree, bark, gumnut, repeat around until all have a name
- Have one Joey Scout in the middle of the circle as the Koala and when one of the names is called
- Those who have that name must change places without the Koala getting to a place before they do, If that happens then the Joey Scout that missed out becomes the Koala.

<b>SONG</b>	<b>I'm A Little Koala</b>	<b>MINUTES - 5</b>
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**Tune:** I'm A Little Teapot

I'm a little Koala  
Furry and stout,  
Here are my ears and  
Here is my snout,  
When I climb up gum trees,  
Hear me shout  
"Save our trees,  
Don't leave me out.

<b>TALK</b>	<b>Save The Koala</b>	<b>MINUTES - 10</b>
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Discuss with Joey Scouts the way that we can help save the Koala.

<b>ACTIVITY 2</b>	<b>Australian Animal – Label Me</b>	<b>MINUTES - 10</b>
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**Sit the Joeys down in a quiet place for the announcements prior to parade:**

**Announcements:**

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Details for Next week

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Activity details etc

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**CLOSING PARADE**

**Leader:**

*“Joey Scouts on Parade”*

**Joey Scouts:**

Form a circle

**Presentations:**

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Certificates

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Challenge Badges

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Awards etc

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**Leader:**

*“Joey Scouts - Alert”*

**Leader:**

*” Joey Scouts - Salute”*

**Leader:**

lowers the flag (lowering must only be done by a Leader)  
The other leaders drop the salute as the flag comes to the lowest point and all the Joey Scouts do the same.

**Leader:**

*“Prepare for Prayer”*

**Prayer:**

(Joey Scout may read or say a prayer)

**Leader:**

*“Good-bye Joey Scouts”*

**All reply:**

*“Good-bye Joey Scouts”.*

**Leader:**

*“Joey Scouts - Dismiss”*

All Joey Scouts and Leaders turn to the right, Salute and move off.



## Program Checklist

No.	ITEM	AVAILABLE
1.	Australian Flag	
2.		
3.	Blanket Or Sheet Scissors Crayons, Coloured Pencils Or Markers 4 Split Pins Per Joey Scout Koala Eyes Template String Pens Gum Leaf Or Large Leaf	
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## CRAFT – CLIMBING KOALA

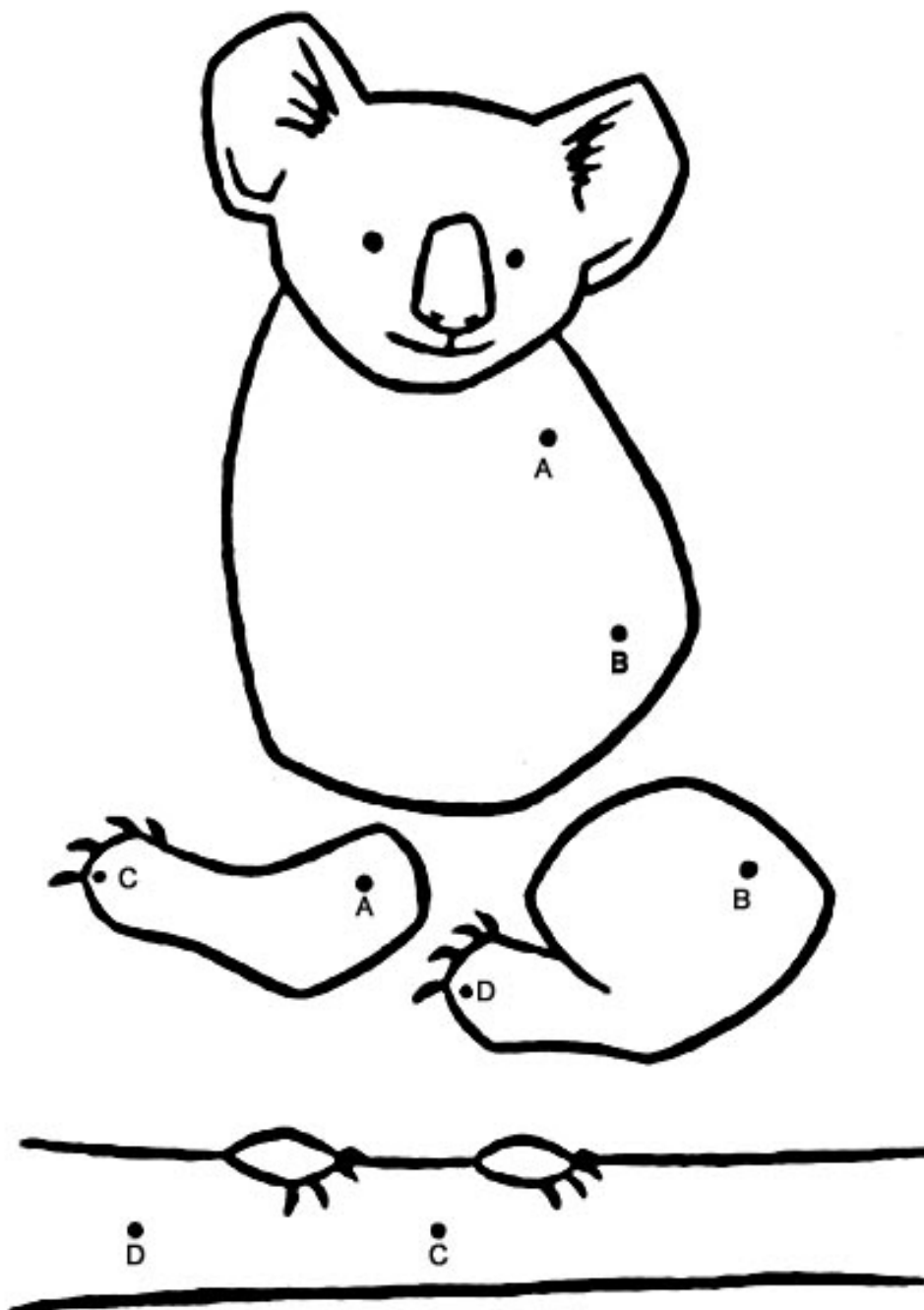
Make the Climbing Koala What you'll need:

Scissors, crayons, coloured pencils or markers 4 split pins

DIRECTIONS:

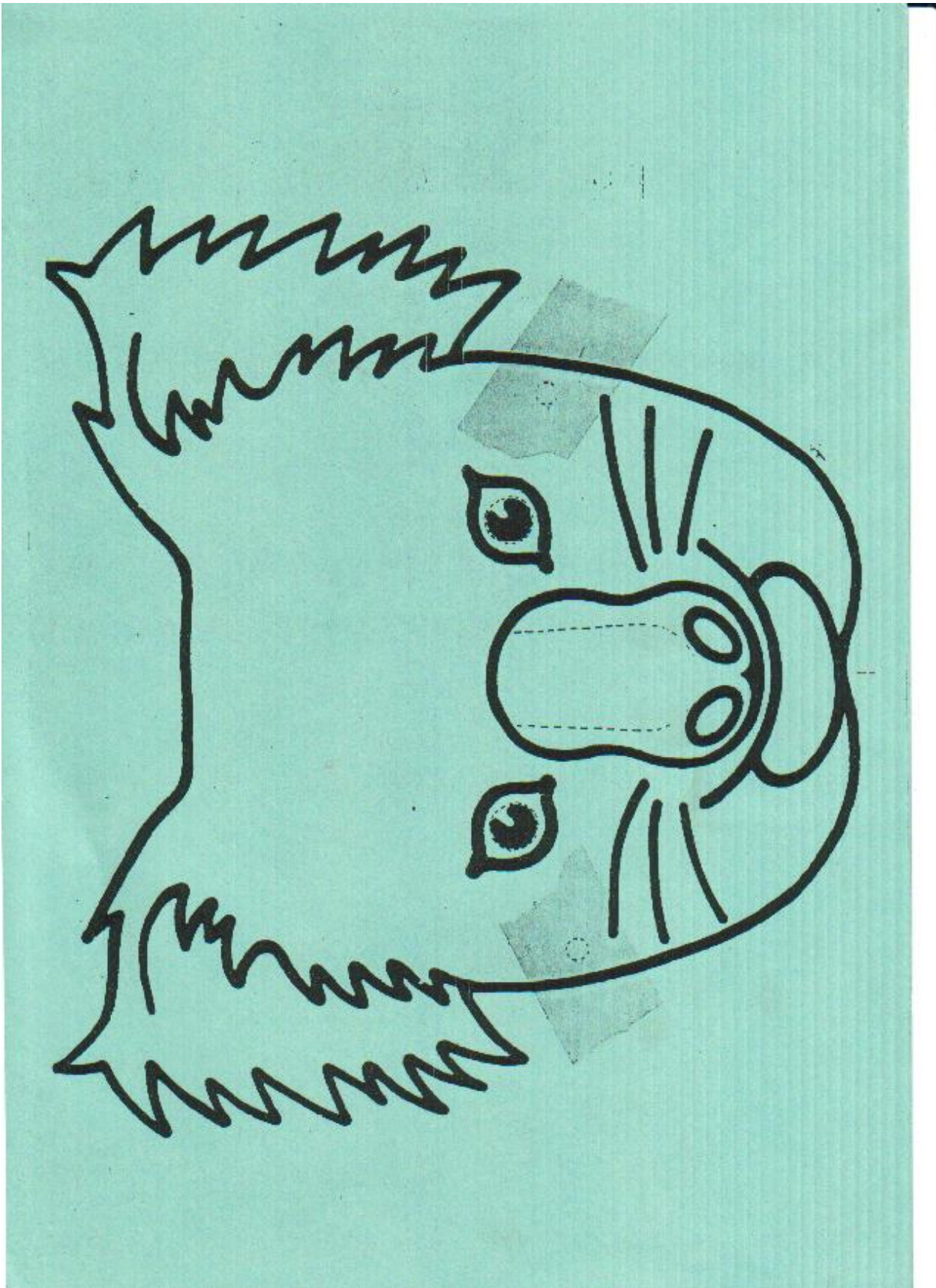
1. Print out the climbing koala above on stiff paper, or print it and glue it to stiff paper.
2. Colour in the koala light grey and give it a white tummy
3. Cut out the body, legs and tree trunk
4. Join the legs to the body with two split pins
5. Join the paws to the tree trunk with the other two split pins
6. Make sure the letters line up!

Now make your koala climb!





## ACTIVITY 1 – KOALA EYES







## STORY – KOALA LOU

There was once a baby koala so soft and round that all who saw her loved her. Her name was Koala Lou.

The Emu loved her. The Platypus loved her. And even tough little Koala Klaw next door loved her.

But it was her mother who love her most of all. A Hundred times a day she would laugh and shake her head and say, “Koala Lou, I DO love you!”

Whenever she stretched in the early morning sun, or climbed a gum – tree, or bravely went down the track all by her self, her mother would smile and say, “Koala Lou, I DO love you!”

The years passed and other koalas were born – brothers and sisters for Koala Lou. Soon her mother was so busy she didn’t have time to tell Koala Lou that she loved her although of course she did.

Every night, as she curled up under the stars, Koala Lou thought about the times when her mother had looked at her and said, “Koala Lou, I DO love you!” and she longed for her to say it again. One night Koala Lou had a splendid idea. Preparations had begun for the bush Olympics. She would enter the Olympics! She would compete in the gum – tree climbing event, and she would win, and her mother would fling her arms around her neck and say again, “Koala Lou, I DO love you!”

Koala Lou began training right away. She jogged and puffed, and lifted weights and panted. She hung from a branch with one claw at a time till she ached. She did push-ups till her stomach hurt, and last of all, she climbed the tallest tree that she could find, over and over again.

Sometimes her mother would watch her and ask, “How are you going’, blossom?” “Fine, just fine,” Koala Lou would reply.

At last the day of the Bush Olympics arrived.

Koala Klaw had also entered the gum-tree-climbing and everyone knew how fast she was, but Koala Lou wasn’t scared. She saw her mother in the crowd and imagined her saying again, “Koala Lou, I DO love you!” Her heart filled with hope.



It was Koala Klaws who went first. Her climb was a record-breaking twenty two metres in seventy seconds flat. The spectators whistled and cheered and wildly waved their holiday hats.

“Can I do better than that?” thought Koala Lou. “I must.” As she stepped towards the tree, a hush fell over the crowd. “On you mark!” said the kookaburra. “Get set. GO!”

Koala Lou leapt on to the tree. Up and up and up she climbed – higher and higher and higher. Faster and faster and faster until – there she was, right at the very top! The spectators roared and clapped and stamped their feet.

But she wasn’t fast enough. In spite of all her training and all her hoping, it was Koala Klaws who won the gum-tree-climbing. Koala Lou came second.

Koala Lou went off and hid. She heard the shouts of the Bush Olympics and cried her heart out.

When the first stars of the evening appeared in the sky, Koala Lou crept home through the dark and up into the gum-tree. Her mother was waiting for her. Before she could say a word her mother had flung her arms around her neck and said, “Koala Lou, I DO love you! I always have, and I always will.”

And she hugged her for a very long time.

## **TALK – SAVE THE KOALA**

### **SAVE THE KOALA!**

Now there are only 2,000 to 8,000 koalas in the wild!

#### **Species Data Sheet: KOALA**

Koalas aren’t bears. They aren’t even related to bears. The reason the koala is called a koala bear is because the koala looks like a teddy bear. The koala is related to the kangaroo. The koalas scientific name is *Phasclarctos cinereus*.

The koala’s nickname is a Native Bear. The koala is a mammal. They are warm-blooded. The koala’s young is called a cub. The koala’s young are born alive. Koalas drink milk from the mother. The koala breaths oxygen from air. The koala might look all cuddly but the koala has very sharp teeth and very sharp claws. The



koalas have white on the underside and grey on the rest of its body. The koala has big ears and a big nose. The mother has a pouch. The koala has very thick fur. The adult koala gets 25 to 30 inches long.

The koala is very small when it's just born. After a month the cub is 1 cm. long. The koala weighs 15 to 30 pounds. One cub is born at a time. The koala cub stays in the mother's pouch for 5 months. The koala cub is blind when its just born. Koalas breed in the summer.

Koalas live for 20 or more years. The koala can run as fast as a rabbit. The koalas sleep for up to 19 hours. The koala can only live in one place in the world. The koala lives along the East coast of Australia. They live and sleep in the eucalyptus trees. It's hot, light, and dry here. The koala's territory is getting smaller because people are cutting down trees and making farms on them. Koalas can only live in one place in the world. The koala only eats Eucalyptus leaves and it eats so many leaves, it smells like the leaves. The koala hops from tree to tree and climbs the trees to get the leaves.

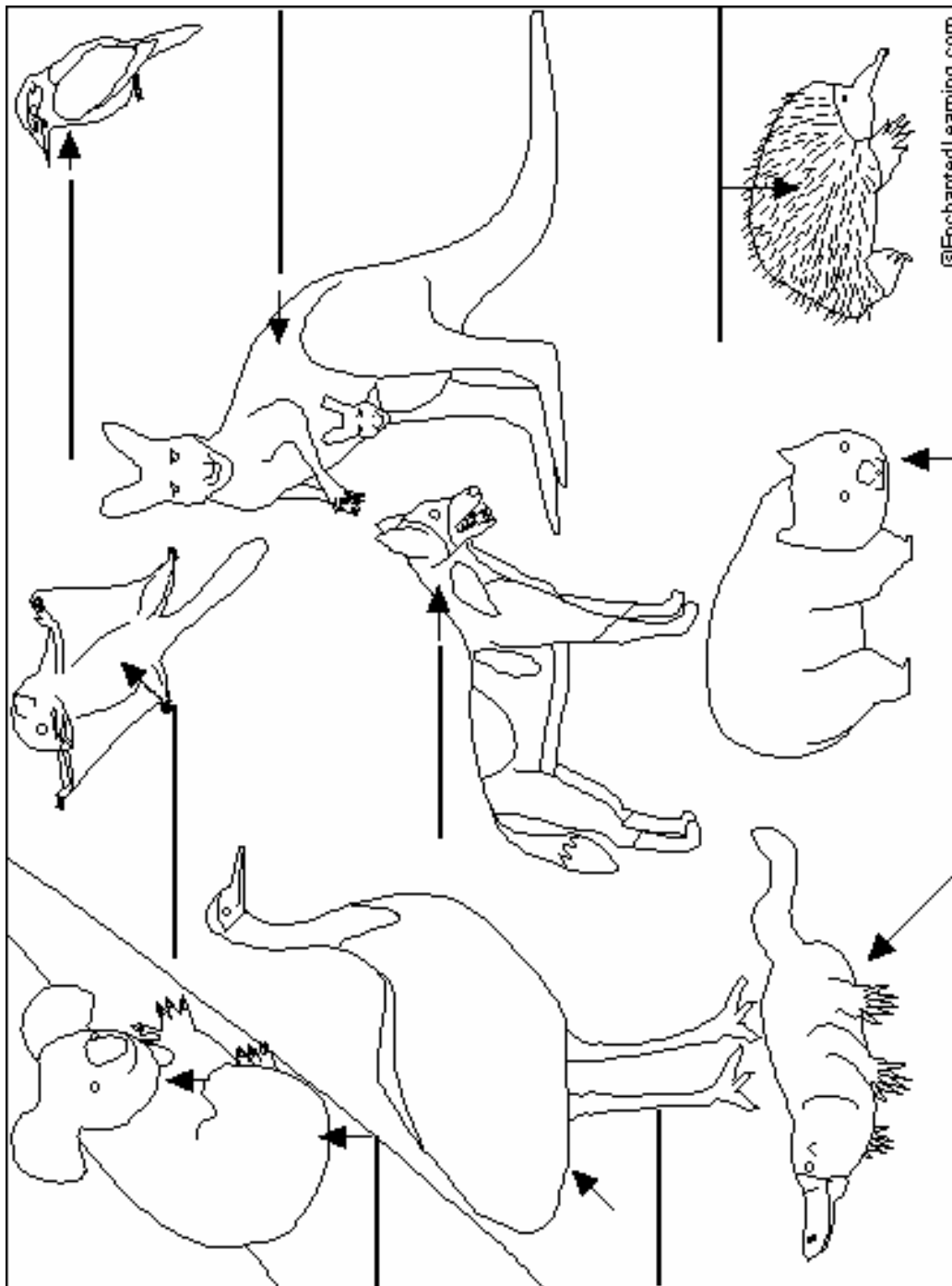
The koala will eat 2.5 pounds of food a day. it uses its claws to get the branches and get the leaves. The koala used to be endangered because people would kill the koala for its fur. But now its against the law to kill the koala. Over 2 million koalas were killed between 1908 and 1927. Occasionally koalas are taken by Goannas, Eagles, and Owls. Humans are koala's worst enemies. Dingoes will kill the koala. Now there are 2,000 to 8.000 koalas in the wild. The koala does not have very many enemies.

Although not officially classified as endangered, the population of the beloved koala has dropped by 90% in less than a decade! This is due to the destruction of their natural habitat, a narrow crescent on the eastern coast Australia.

Logging, agriculture and urban development have not only reduced the area available to them, but added other dangers. Their habitat has been criss-crossed by roads, resulting in many road kills, and attacks by neighbouring pet dogs now are frequent. Disease, too, has taken its toll.

## ACTIVITY 2 – AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS – LABEL ME

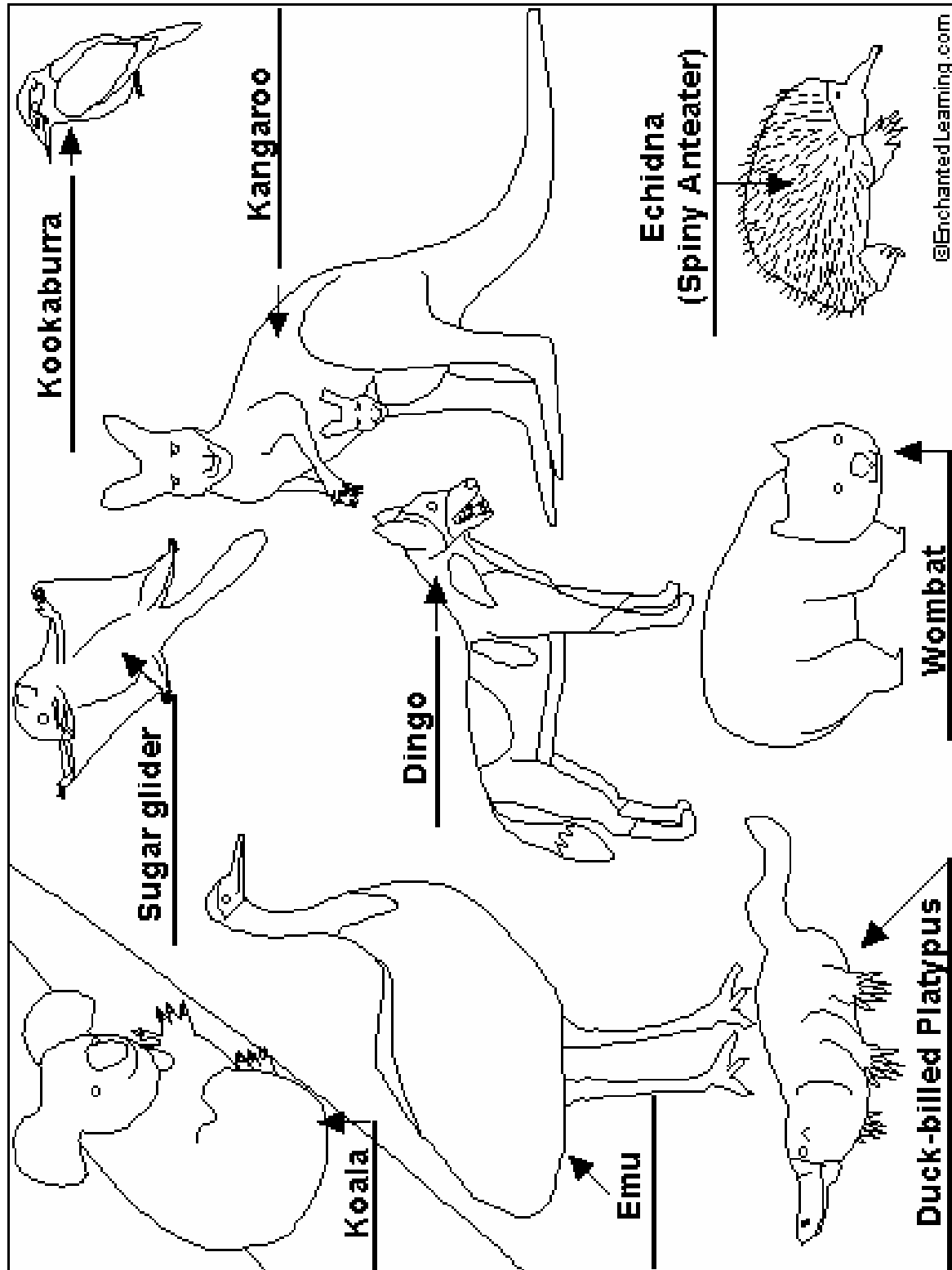
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**Australian Animals:**

- Dingo
- Duck-billed platypus
- Echidna (spiny anteater)
- Emu
- Kangaroo
- Koala
- Kookaburra
- Sugar Glider
- Wombat

Answer Page



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