



Role: Predator

DESCRIPTION

Small, carnivorous marsupial with ash-grey fur above and cream fur below with large, thin, reddish ears. Its distinctive tail grows up to 14.5 cm long, is reddish-brown on the base and ends in a brush of long black hair.

THREATS

Habitat loss and fragmentation through land clearance, predation by foxes and cats.

HABITAT

Live largely in trees, particularly sheoak woodlands with hollow-containing eucalypt, but will also occur in roadside vegetation, small remnants and paddock trees in broadacre farming environments.

DIET

Forage in the canopy and on the ground and feed on a wide range of invertebrates, particularly cockroaches and beetles, but will also consume small birds and mammals, such as feral house mice.

BEHAVIOUR

Nocturnal and arboreal (living in the tree canopy). Territorial and the females will come back to the same nesting sites year after year.



A generalist small predator that will help regulate mice numbers in place of cats and foxes.



This species exhibits an annual male die-off, where, after the winter mating period, all males die within one month of mating.