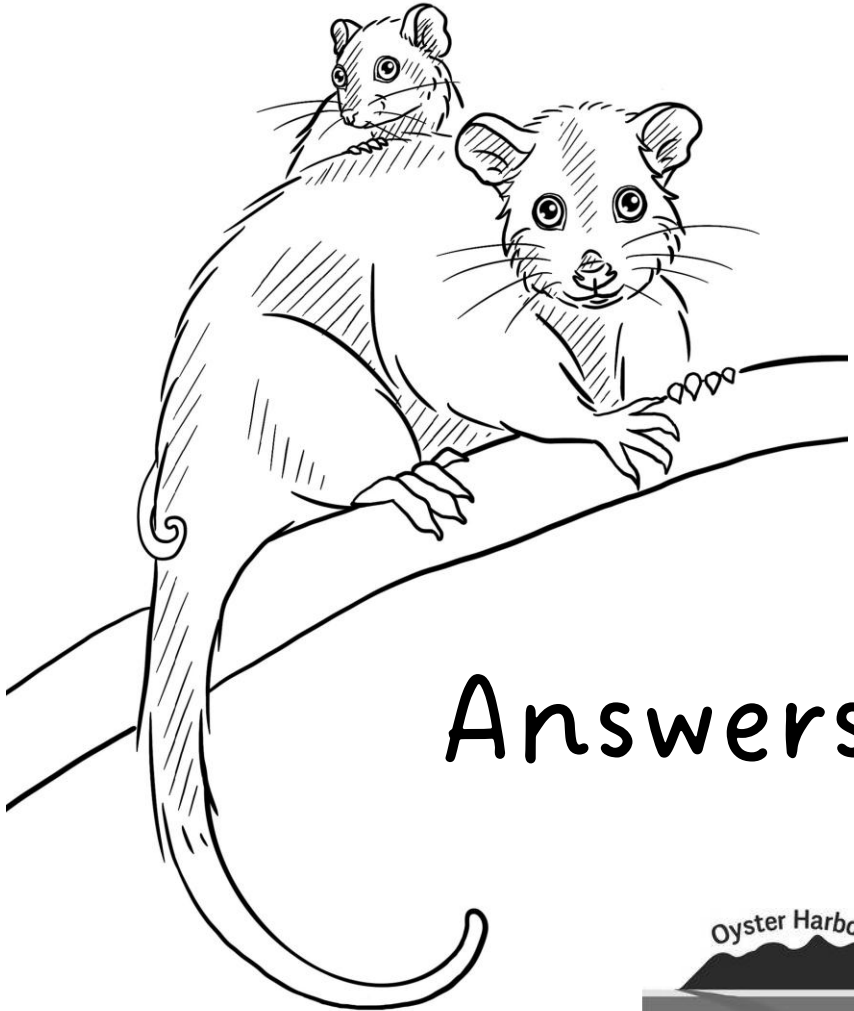


Western ringtail possum (ngwayir)

Activity book



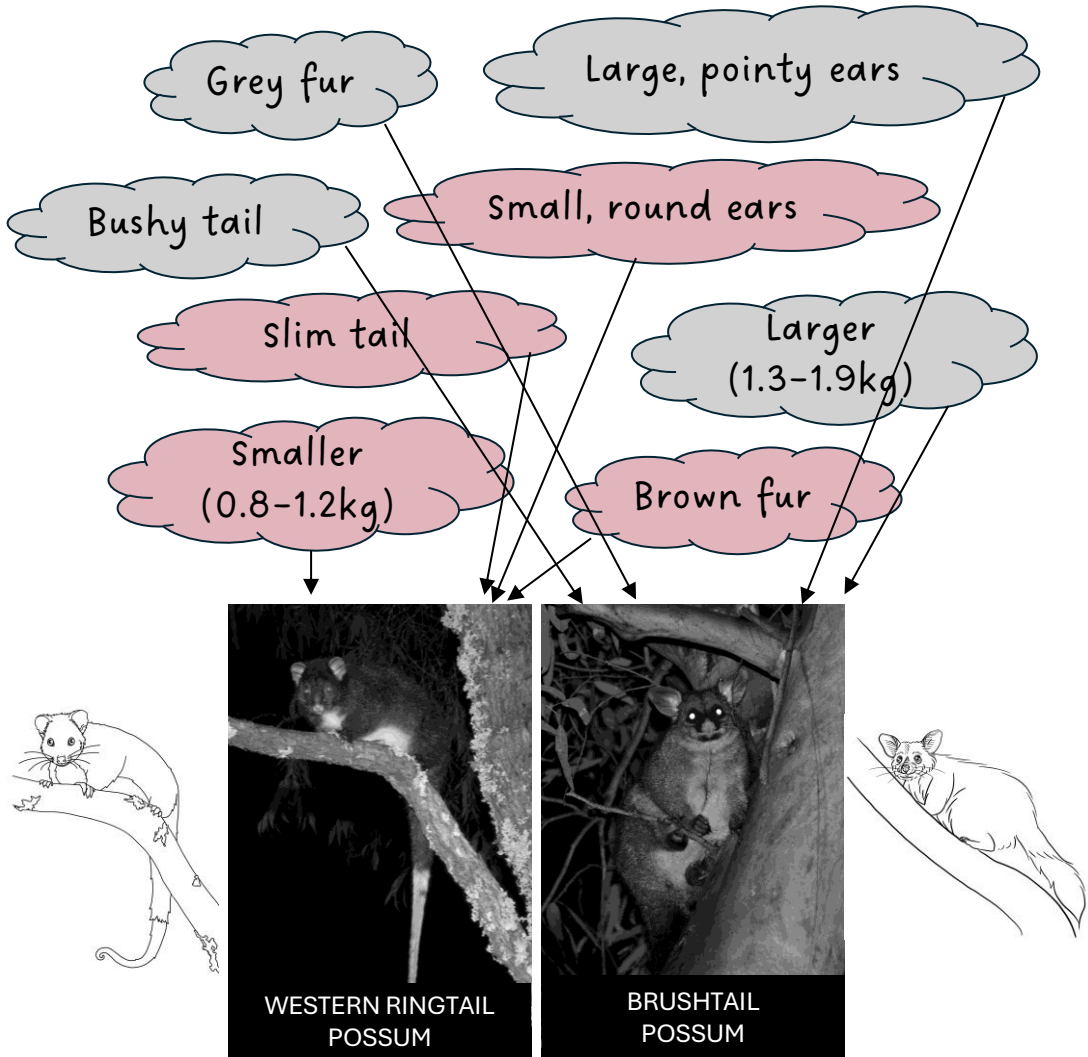
Answers



[Suggested ages: 7-12]

WHICH POSSUM IS IT?

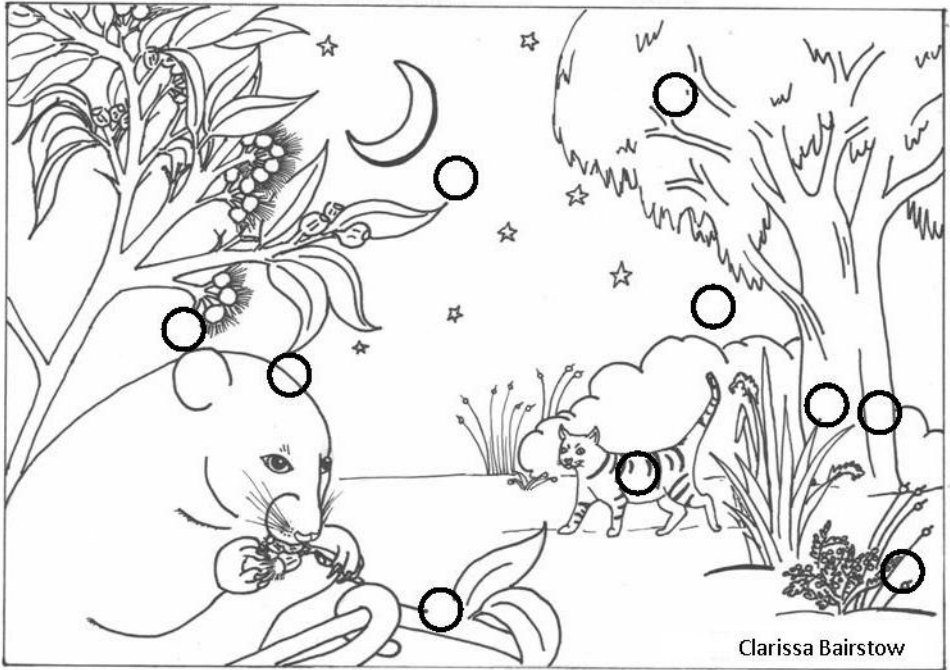
The south coast is home to two large possum species. Draw lines to match the description with the correct species. You may need to do some research to find the right answers!



Both species have a white chest and a long tail. Western ringtail possums always have a white tail tip, and brushtail possums sometimes do.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find 10 differences between the top and the bottom drawing? Circle each difference.



WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the words listed below inside the word search box? Do you know what each word means? If not, ask an adult to help you find out.

Peppermint

Endemic

Possum

Tree

Sheoak

Endangered

Ngwayir

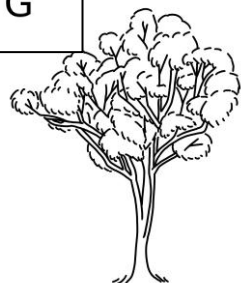
Joey

Jarrah

Marsupial

Arboreal

Mammal



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

You might need to do some research to find some of the answers (hint—some can be found elsewhere in this book!).

1. Do western ringtail possums live mainly in trees (arboreal) or on the ground (terrestrial)?

Mainly in trees (arboreal)

2. What is the name for a nest made by a western ringtail possum?

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3. What are some of the reasons that western ringtail possums have become Critically Endangered?

Habitat loss, foxes, feral cats, fire, climate change, logging, habitat fragmentation, vehicle strike

4. What is the Noongar name for the western ringtail possum?

Ngwayir

5. When a western ringtail possum joey (baby) is born, where does it go?

It climbs into its mother's pouch

6. Are possums active during the day (diurnal) or at night (nocturnal)?

Night (nocturnal)

The western ringtail possum is a Critically Endangered marsupial, weighing around 0.8–1.3kg. They are predominantly arboreal, meaning they live in trees. Albany represents one of their last remaining strongholds. Their main threats are predation by foxes and feral cats, habitat loss and fragmentation, altered fire regimes and climate change. Their local Noongar name is 'ngwayir' (pronounced n-wa-yer).



An answer booklet can be found on the Oyster Harbour Catchment Group website: ohcg.org.au

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