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The Koalas are herbivorous marsupials that live in eastern Australia. They must eat over a kilogram of leaves per day to meet their energy requirements. Eucalyptus leaves contain approximately 50% water, 18% fibre, 13% tannins, 8% fat, 5% carbohydrates, 4% protein and 2% minerals.

They live in eucalyptus trees and eat only a few types of gum leaves from which they get all the nutrients and water requirements.

Eucalyptus leaves are tough, toxic and low in nutrition, but the koala has developed a stomach which is capable of removing the toxins filtered out by the liver.

The koala is not an endangered species, but it is a very vulnerable species. One reason is the loss of habitat, which means that koalas have less space to live.