

WHO EATS WHAT?

OUTBACK FOOD CHAINS



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CHAPTER 1

EXPLORING THE OUTBACK

The outback is a **biome** unique to **Australia**. It covers 2.5 million square miles (6.5 million square kilometers) of desert.

During the day, it is hot.



A night landscape with a starry sky and silhouetted trees. The sky is dark with many stars visible. The trees are dark silhouettes against the lighter sky. The foreground is dark and blurry.

At night it is cold.

It rains in the summer,
but not a lot.

In the outback, plants have small leaves. This helps them save water. Boab trees store water in their thick trunks. Some grasses are sharp. This protects the grass from hungry animals.

boab tree

WHERE IS IT?

The Australian outback includes deserts throughout the continent.



■ = Australian Outback





Many animals live in the outback. Some of them are strange. Many are rare. In fact, you can find many animals here that you will not find anywhere else!

DID YOU KNOW?

The outback is a harsh place. Few people live there. Australia's most familiar animals cannot live there, either. For example, koalas and **wombats** live mostly along the coast. So do **wallabies**.

