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## Species Fact Sheet



### MAMMALS

## Parma Wallaby

*Macropus parma*

Peoria Zoo Exhibit Australian Walkabout

**Habitat:** Rainforest and sclerophyll forests with a dense understory and grassy areas

**Range:** New South Wales

**Activity Cycle:** Nocturnal

**Size:** Smallest of the Macropus family, they reach heights of between 17-21 inches, with their tail equaling that length, and weighing between 7-13 pounds.

**Social Structure:** They are considered solitary, though you can find 2-3 gathered if there is enough food.

**Distinguishing Features:** They have a grayish brown back and shoulders, a white throat and chest and a dark stripe along their spine. They have a distinct white stripe on their cheeks (looks like a mustache) and most possess a white tip on their tail.  
The males are larger than the females.

**Diet:** low vegetation and grazing on grass

**Life Span:** up to 15 years

## Did you know?

Parma wallabies were thought to be extinct until a group was found in 1965 on an island in New Zealand.

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