

GOOMAL



Animal Tracks

Common name
Brushtail Possum

Traditional name
Goomal

Scientific name
Trichosurus vulpecula

The Goomal is a nocturnal (active at night) possum with large, pointy ears and a brushy tail. It has thick, woolly fur that varies in colour depending on the type of Goomal and its location! Colour patterns are commonly silver-grey, brown, black, red, or cream.

Where do they live?

Goomals are commonly found throughout the south west and Perth regions of Western Australia. They like to live amongst eucalyptus and sheoak woodlands and are often seen in Kings Park and Botanic Garden. They have also adapted to living in urban areas and can be found in home gardens!

Fun Fact

During breeding season, Goomals communicate through sounds and scent. They are often heard coughing and hissing, which can be a little scary if you don't know what they are!

Can you spot any Goomal tracks on your adventures?



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