

## The Easter Bilby



Bilbies live in the Australian desert. Their name is of Aboriginal origin and means long nosed rat. They are also called Rabbit-Eared Bandicoots.

Bilbies are becoming endangered due to loss of habitat (where they live) and competition from other animals.

In Australia you can buy chocolate Easter Bilbies. There are many stories about the Easter Bilby. The first one was called “Billy the Aussie Easter Bilby”.

Some people in Australia prefer the Easter Bilby to the Easter Bunny. This is because rabbits are a problem in Australia. They cause damage to crops and native plants. By eating the plants they have also caused soil erosion. By competing with native animals, they have caused many to become threatened or endangered species.



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