

Bilbies are Goldies!

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*The extinction of bilbies without doubt,
will make you really want to shout!
Greater bilbies we must save,
to avert them from their dying graves!*

Bilbies are a native and unique species to Australia. They are small, furry and look a bit like a rabbit. Unfortunately, their numbers have dropped to less than 10 000 in Australia.

Before European settlement greater bilbies occupied more than 70% of Australia where it was part of six bandicoot species, including another species called the lesser bilby. But after European settlement, five of the six bandicoot species got wiped out, leaving only the greater bilby which has disappeared from 80% of its former range. The settlers brought over feral cats and foxes which hunt bilbies, they also brought rabbits, cattle and sheep which competed for food and destroyed the habitat for bilbies. Despite breeding exceptionally fast, bilbies are now classified as “endangered” in Queensland and “vulnerable” in Australia.

Bilbies are part of indigenous aboriginal culture and is featured in a dreamtime story and artwork called “Bilba the Bilby”, and there is even an indigenous bilby festival!

Bilbies have been in Australia for a very long time, according to fossil evidence they have lived in Australia for 15 million years!

The bilby is also becoming Australia’s Easter icon and a symbol of hope for our native wildlife. There are even bilby chocolates!

They are already the last of their kind so I think bilbies are important to Australia because they are unique and iconic, they are part of our indigenous culture, and they are cute, cuddly and precious for this beautiful country!

*With a little donation or two,
it'll prevent them from bilby stew!
A little step will help a lot,
to save the bilbies from the evil plot!*

Save the bilbies now!