

SAFE TUTOR

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL DISCOVERY



Eastern Barred Bandicoot

My 10-page learning book

For curious learners aged 5 to 9

What am I?



I am a small marsupial with pale bars across my back.

Spell my name

EASTERN BARRED BANDICOOT
B A N D I C O O T

Clap the syllables

band - i - coot

Say it slowly. Clap once for each part.

Now say the whole name smoothly.

Write the name three times:

What do I look like?



I have a pointed nose, rounded body, soft fur and short rounded ears.

Look closely. Point to one feature that helps you recognise me.

What do I do?



I search at night and leave small cone-shaped holes where I have dug for food.

Movement challenge: Can you move safely like me for five seconds?

What do I eat?



I eat insects, worms, roots, bulbs and fungi.

Think: Am I a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore? Use my food clues to explain.

Where do I live?



I prefer grasslands and grassy woodlands.
Protected populations live in Victoria.

**Draw my habitat here: trees, water,
grass, rocks or another safe home.**

How do I grow up?



My tiny young grow in a backward-opening pouch.

Tell a partner: What does the parent or habitat provide for the young?

Amazing fact!



**My digging mixes soil and leaf litter,
which can help the ecosystem.**

Share the fact in your own words. Start
with: "Did you know...?"

Show what you know

1. Spell Eastern Barred Bandicoot.

2. Where does this animal live?

3. What does it eat?

4. Name one special body feature.

5. Tell one amazing fact.

Great work, wildlife explorer!