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In 2022 the koala was listed as an endangered species in Queensland.

The Clarke-Connors Range, located in central Queensland, contains one of the most significant koala populations in regional Queensland. Koalas are often sighted in this area (including female koalas with babies which indicates a healthy population).

To keep this population healthy Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA) is asking central Queenslanders to keep their eyes out for koalas and report any sightings.

How to spot a koala

Look up!

Koalas can be very difficult to spot. Their colouring makes them camouflaged, and they can remain motionless if they think a threat is near. Look at a tree from multiple angles for a better chance at spotting a koala high in the canopy.

Look down

There may be signs on the ground that can help you spot a koala in a tree. Look for...

1. Tracks leading up to a tree
2. Koala poo near the base of a tree (these are about 2 cm long and shaped like a jellybean)
3. Scratch marks or urine stains on the tree trunk

Listen

Male koalas have a loud distinctive bellow during the breeding season (October through to March). Although they can occasionally be heard during the day most calling will be at night. The call can be loud and can sometimes be heard from over 500m away.



Photo: Charley Geddes

Report a sighting!

For those lucky enough to spot a koala (or have a population on their property), record your sighting! This information helps us monitor and protect the species.

Scan the QR code to learn how to use your smartphone to report sightings or signs of koala activity!



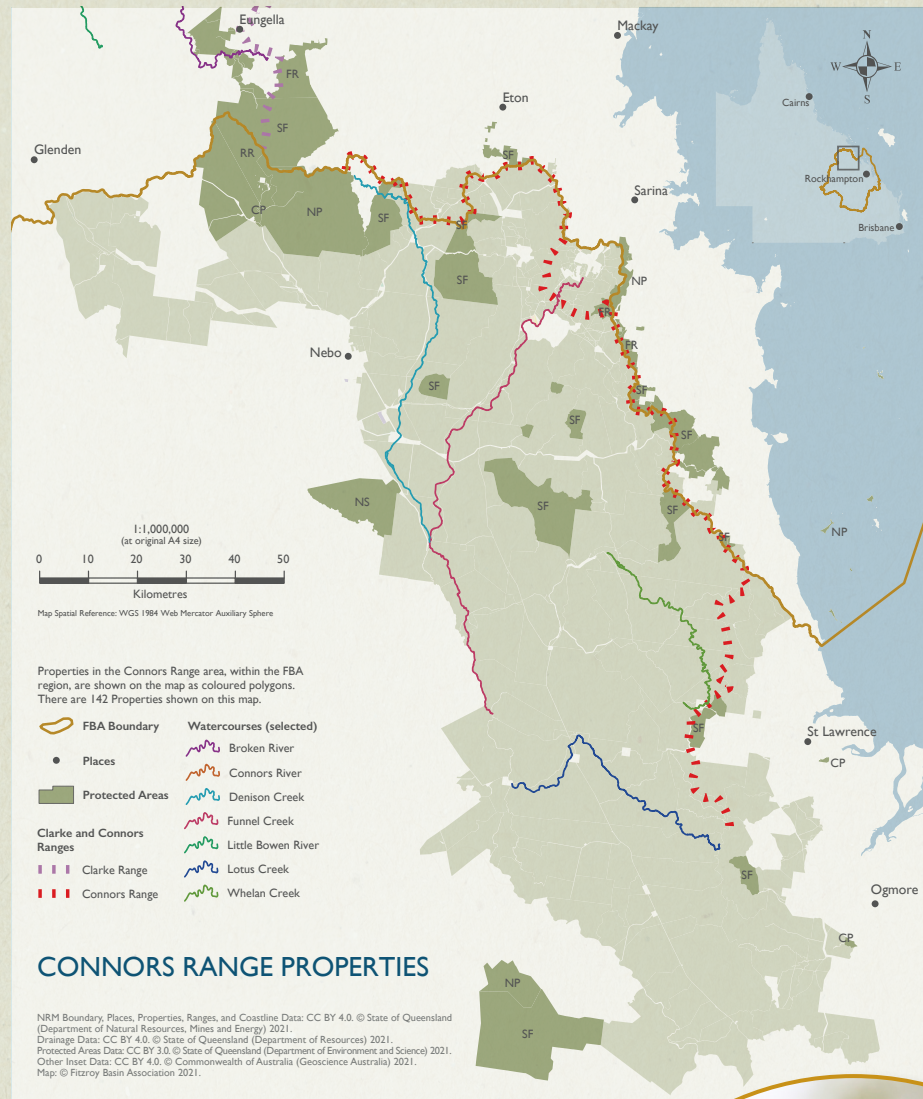
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Where is the Clarke-Connors Range?

The Clarke-Connors Range to the northwest of Rockhampton and is approximately 300km by 50 km. Koalas are mostly located on the western side of the range, however, populations on the eastern side extend to the coast (around St Lawrence, Clairview and Sarina).



Why do koalas need help?

The species is in serious decline suffering from the effects of bushfires, road accidents, dog attacks and habitat destruction.

What is being done?

FBA is working with local people to stabilise and improve koala habitat in the Clarke-Connors Range. For the last few years, we have...

- Monitored and recorded koalas in the region to better understand the population and habitat
- Assisted land managers to control weeds across 4,500ha
- Revegetated koala habitat
- Held educational field days on how to spot koalas and report sightings
- Held workshops to help land managers reduce wildfire risks on their property



As Queensland's koala population relies on the health of the creatures and habitat in the Clarke-Connors Range, we are continuing to do proactive work to keep this population healthy.

To learn more, or to get involved visit fba.org.au

