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Desert animals

The baking desert may seem the last place you would expect to find animals. Deserts are barren with very few plants and almost no water. So those of us who do manage to live in them have to find ways to keep cool and get whatever food we can. You can read about how we do this in this book.



How do animals survive in the desert?

I am a fennec fox, and, like a lot of animals that live in the desert, I need to be able to keep cool. I hide from the heat of the day in my burrow, only coming out at night to hunt. My large ears help me cool down, as I give out a lot of body heat through them. I don't need to drink much. I get most of my water from my food.

If you're a tiny honey possum like me, you'll wait until night falls before venturing out into the Australian desert. Here, when the flowers bloom, I feed on nectar and pollen.

