

# **The Tasmanian Devil**

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On the sixth day God created man and animals. There is this one animal that I thought is a pretty cool animal. The Tasmanian Devil is a pretty cool animal. They eat animals that are rotting. Tasmanian Devils live on Tasmania, which is off the coast of Australia. Female Devils are about the size of English bulldogs. Males are twice the size of females.

When baby Tasmanian Devils are born they are about the size of tiny grains of rice. The four strongest live but the rest die. The mom has only four nipples in her pouch.

The newborn devils can fit on a coin about the size of a nickel. Those are small marsupial babies. When they get about six months old, the mother starts roaming her place and leaves her young at the den. The young have no mother to guard them for a long time even a night or two, but she comes home after a while with food for the young to eat.

Many people think that Tasmanian Devils will come out of the bush and shrub and attack. But Tasmanian Devils are shy animals.

God made Tasmanian Devils the clean up crew for Tasmania. Tasmanian Devils are carnivores. They eat anything that has meat. They eat small mammals like wombats. God knew when he made Tasmanian Devils that they would clean up Tasmania.

Most of the information I got was from [www.tassiedevil.com.au](http://www.tassiedevil.com.au) if you would like to visit it. Also on this site you can listen to what a Tasmanian Devil sounds like.

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