

Introducing ...
Honey possums



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A Tale of Two Honey Possums



Illustration: Patricia Negus

This is a honey possum



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What do honey possums eat?



banksia

pollen
magnified x1000



dryandra



grevillea



hakea



gum tree

Pollen comes from flowers



How do honey possums eat?



Honey possums don't have chewing teeth. Instead their long tongue has a brush tip that sweeps nectar and pollen into their mouth.

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