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**My animal: Quokka**

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**Family, Genus & Species: Family is Macropods and its Genus is Setonix**

**Habitat and location:** They are normally around dense streamside vegetation but they can also be found in shrubland and heath areas.

**Statistics (Size, weight & lifespan): they are 16-35 inches, 5.5-11 pounds, and there lifespan is 5-10 years.**

**Physical adaptations to environment: The Quokka has a light brown fur coat that they use to blend in to the long grass and they stay in the vegetation in the day to hide from the sun.**

**Diet: A Quokka is a Herbivore they eat Native grasses, leaves, stems, fruits, berries, and bark off of trees.**

**Habits: Quokkas can go a long period of time without food because they can live off the fat of their tails.**

**Additional Information: Quokkas are the only members of their Genus Setonix.”** When European explorers first discovered the quokka they believed it was a large rat with brown fur. Rottnest island was even named for this.”

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**Highlight your most interesting fact. Email sheet & a picture of your animal to Mrs. Snow.**