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Tasmanian Devils

#### VIDEO:

Tasmanian Devil
"What's Up Doc?"
Loony Toons clip.



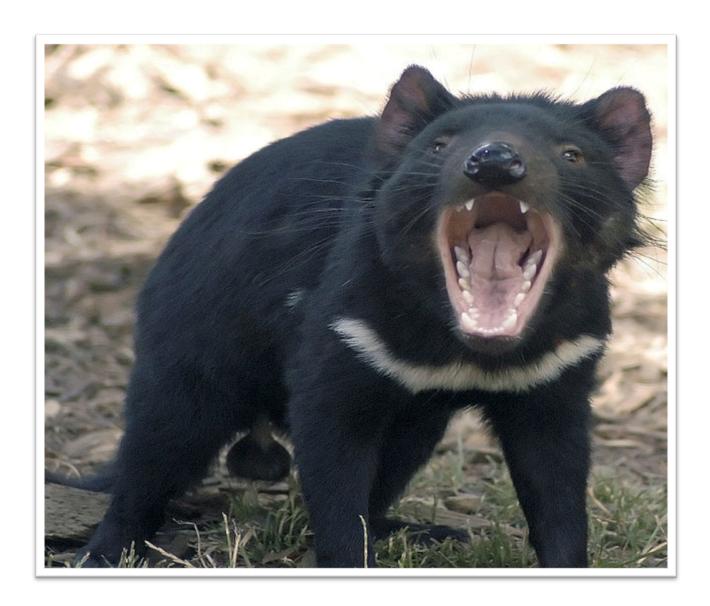
### Tasmanian Devils



### Tasmanian Devils are REAL!



#### Tasmanian Devils are FIERCE!



VIDEO:
Tasmanian
Devils
Battle
from
Animal
Planet

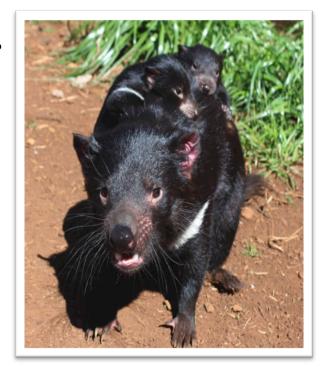


### More About Tasmanian Devils

- Mammals
- Marsupials
- Carnivore

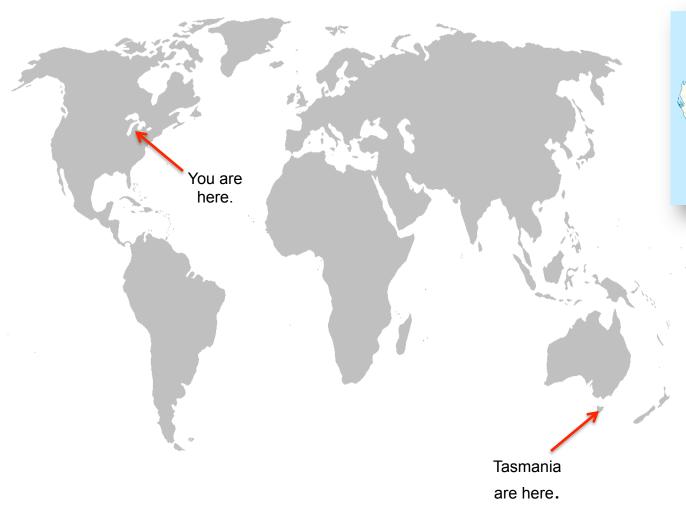
(hunter & scavenger)

- Size of a small dog
  - Muscular
- Strongest bite per body mass
  - Loud
  - Ferocious
  - Stinky (when stressed)
  - Excellent sense of smell
    - Often feed in groups
- Dominance (most aggressive > least aggressive)
  - Fight for food and mates



Baby Tasmanian devils are called "imps", "pups or "joeys"".

#### Where the heck is Tasmania?





- Island state of Australia.
- 26<sup>th</sup> largest island in world
- Climate similar, but not as cold, as ours.
  - Four seasons.
  - Summer lasts from December to February.
  - 35,042 square miles.
  - Population 515,000.
  - Michigan LP is 56,809 square miles.
- Michigan LP population almost 10 million.
- It would take more than 24 hours to take an airplane there!

# Lets watch more videos of Tasmanian Devils!



Tasmanian Devil, from Science Channel

Taz Devil Talking to Me (followed by Angry Devil), from Snake Artist

Baby Tasmanian Devils in Kitchen, from Snake Artist

### Why Would An Animal this Fierce Need Our Help?





Tasmanian
Devil
Facial
Tumor
Disease



- DFTD is an aggressive (fast growing), parasitic cancer found only in Tasmanian Devils.
- DFTD is very unusual, one of only four known cancers that can spread like a contagious disease (disease you can catch).

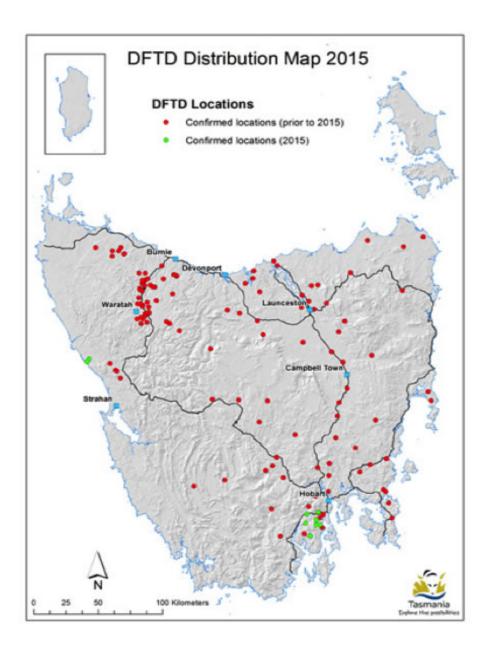
- The cancer is passed from devil to devil through biting.
- Devils bite each other in the face a lot, when feeding and fighting with their mates.



- The tumor is crumbly, and pieces break off easily. When tumor pieces fall into bite wounds, new tumors form and grow.
- Tumors usually first appear in and around the mouth, and look like small sores or lumps. Then develop into large tumors around the face and neck.

- Since the late 1990s, Devil Facial
   Tumor Disease has reduced the
   Tasmanian Devil population so much
   that these animals might go
   extinct.
- In 2008, the Tasmanian Devil was declared an endangered species.







- The tumors make it hard for devils to find and eat food.
- Once the tumor is big enough to be seen, it is always fatal.



But we can help!

Here's how...





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Adopt a Tasmanian Devil through Australia's Devil Ark conservation program!

### Luv Tasmanian Devils!

