

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'The Adelaide Park Lands Association recently published a photograph of a koala sighting it said had been taken in Park 23. Could the Administration advise if it is aware of Koalas populating parts of the Park Lands and, if so, the extent of such habitation and any steps the Administration has taken to ensure their well being?'

REPLY

1. The post by the Adelaide Park Lands Association is available in [Link 1](#).
2. Koala sightings occur periodically across the Adelaide Park Lands, though they are often difficult to detect during daylight hours as koalas typically rest high in trees.
3. A koala was observed by the Park Lands Planning Team in G S Kingston Park / Wirrarninthe (Park 23) in June 2025 near the rail corridor.
4. Additional sightings are regularly recorded on the iNaturalist citizen science platform (see Image 1).
5. It is unlikely that a permanent koala population exists within the Adelaide Park Lands.
6. Koalas are known to move through the area, particularly along the River Torrens / Karrawirra Pari corridor, which provides a cooler, vegetated movement pathway between the Adelaide Hills and surrounding areas with reduced interaction with people and dogs.
7. The Adelaide Park Lands contain more than 36,000 Ribbon Gum, River Red Gum and Blue Gum trees, which are a preferred local food species.
8. Koala wellbeing is as a result of the retention and management of mature eucalypts, which provide canopy cover and food.
9. Ongoing improvements to the Key Biodiversity Areas in the Adelaide Park Lands further support koalas and broader biodiversity outcomes.

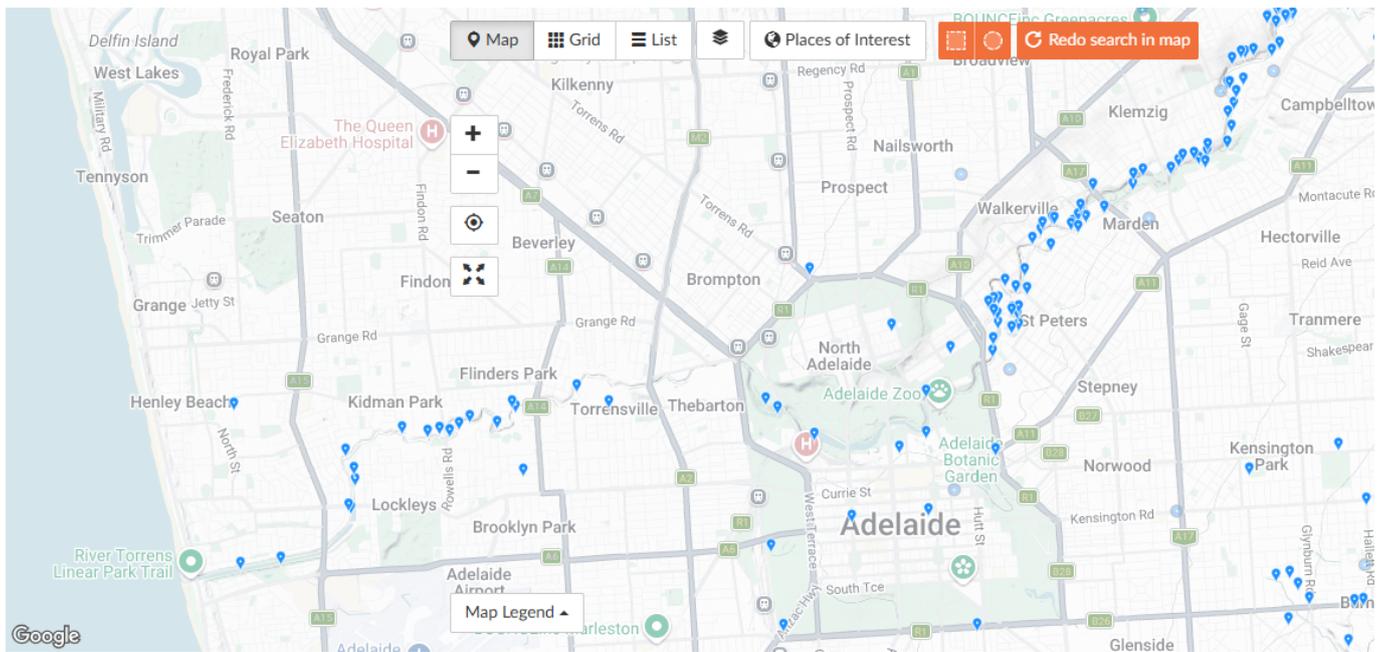


Image 1 – Map of Koala sightings - source INaturalist – 2011 to 4 February 2026

<p>Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply</p>	<p>To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.</p>
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