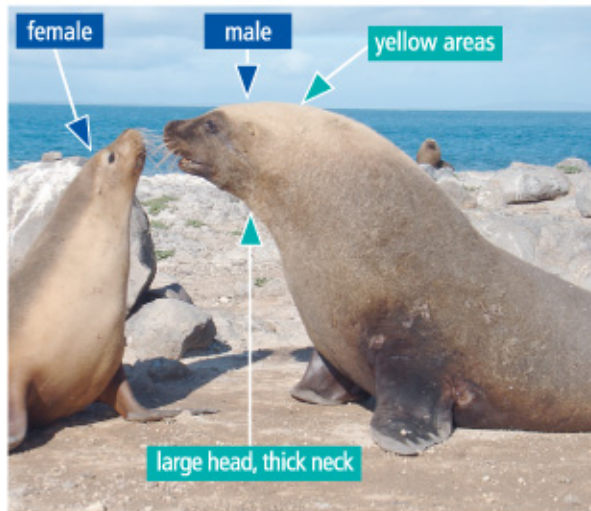


# Australian Sea Lion

*Scientific Name: Neophoca cinerea*



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**Distribution:** WA, SA, occasionally NSW, VIC, TAS

**EPBC Act Status:** Vulnerable and Marine

**Size:** Males: 2-2.5m; 250-300kg

Females: 1.3-1.8m; 61-104kg

**Colour:** Male dark brown with mane-like yellow areas on neck and top of head. Female silver grey to fawn on back and creamy-coloured underneath. Juveniles chocolate brown with a pale fawn crown until moulting at two months to resemble colours of an adult female.

**Key Features:** Stocky body, a large head, thick neck and short, narrow flippers. Small, external ears and one layer of fur. Blunter, more rounded snout than fur seals.

**Preferred Habitat:**

Sandy beaches and rocky coastline, often in sheltered areas and isolated bays, on offshore islands and the Australian mainland.



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