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As one of the world's driest continents, Australia faces the threat of further drying due to global warming. The Australian continent accounts for 5.6 percent of the planet's land mass, but less than 1 percent of the world's water resources. The drought that struck southern Australia in 2002 was the most severe since 1950. If Australia's barely adequate water resources continue to diminish, life will become increasingly difficult for Australia's hard-pressed flora and fauna.

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Nowhere on earth but in Australia can you find wild koalas. Photographer Mitsuaki Iwago visited Kangaroo Island in Southern Australia hoping to catch a glimpse of these rare animals. When he looked up one eucalyptus tree, the leaves of which are the staple of the koalas' diet, he almost laughed out loud. Up in the tree, a female koala sprawled out on a branch taking a nap. She looked hilarious, but Iwago managed to contain his amusement and take some photographs of her instead, all the while hoping that she wouldn't tumble from her precarious perch. Now, thanks to Olympus digital technology, heartwarming moments like this can be treasured forever.

Shot on Kangaroo Island in Southern Australia, Australia, on January 20, 2006, at 5:03 p.m., with the Olympus E-1, Zuiko Digital ED 50-200 mm, f8.0, 1/125 sec.

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