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Animal Fact Sheet

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Aardvark

Orycteropus afer

The aardvark looks like an animal assembled from spare parts — rabbit ears, a pig's snout, a kangaroo's tail — and it is related to none of them, nor to the anteaters and pangolins it so closely rese…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Orycteropodidae
Habitat: Savanna, grassland, woodland, and open forest
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-23 years
Weight: 40–80 kg
Scientific name: Orycteropus afer

Did you know?

- Despite being called 'antbears' or 'earth pigs', aardvarks are the only living species in their order, Tubulidentata.
- The aardvark is the only living member of its entire order, and is not related to anteaters or pangolins. Its teeth have no enamel — they are bundles…

What I learned

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