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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Aardwolf

*Proteles cristata*

The aardwolf is a hyena that gave up being a hyena. It looks like a small striped hyena and it is one, but where its relatives evolved bone-crushing jaws, the aardwolf abandoned the entire carnivore …

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal
**Family:** Hyaenidae
**Habitat:** Open savannas and grasslands
**Diet:** Insectivore
**Conservation status:** Least Concern
**Lifespan:** 8–10 years in the wild
**Weight:** 7–15 kg
**Scientific name:** Proteles cristata

## Did you know?

- Despite belonging to the hyena family, the aardwolf's main food source is termites, not meat.
- It is a hyena that eats termites — as many as a quarter of a million in one night, lapped up with a sticky tongue. Its cheek teeth have degenerated i…

## What I learned

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