

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Aardwolf

*Proteles cristata*

The aardwolf is a small, insectivorous mammal native to Eastern and Southern Africa. Despite its hyena-like appearance, it primarily feeds on termites, consuming up to 300,000 in a single night using...

### 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.
- Aardwolves have a highly specialized tongue for lapping up termites. They are one of the few mammals that rely almost exclusively on insects for food...

### What I learned

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