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## Black-backed Jackal

*Canis mesomelas*

The Black-backed Jackal is a medium-sized canid native to eastern and southern Africa. Recognized by its reddish-brown body and distinctive black 'saddle' running down its back, this jackal is highly...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Canidae

**Habitat:** Savanna

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 8-12 years

**Weight:** 6-13 kg

**Scientific name:** *Canis mesomelas*

### Did you know?

- Despite their small size, Black-backed Jackals can defend kills from much larger predators like hyenas and even leopards through teamwork and boldness...
- Black-backed Jackals are among Africa's oldest canid species, with fossils dating back over 2 million years. They often form lifelong pairs and share...

### What I learned

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