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Animal Fact Sheet

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Black-backed Jackal

Canis mesomelas

The black-backed jackal sits on one of the oldest surviving branches of the dog family — its lineage split off before the radiation that produced wolves, coyotes and domestic dogs, and it cannot inte…

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 boldnes…
- Black-backed jackals routinely shadow leopards, lions and hyenas, harassing them and snatching scraps, and a pair will confidently mob an animal many…

What I learned

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