

Animal Fact Sheet

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Black-footed Ferret

Mustela nigripes

The Black-footed Ferret is a slender, nocturnal mammal native to the grasslands of North America. Characterized by its pale yellowish fur, black markings on its feet, legs, tail tip, and a distinctiv...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Mustelidae

Habitat: Temperate grasslands and prairies

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Endangered

Lifespan: 3-4 years in the wild, up to 9 years in captivity

Weight: 650–1,000 grams

Scientific name: *Mustela nigripes*

Did you know?

- The species was declared extinct in the wild in 1987, but all existing black-footed ferrets today descend from just seven individuals found in Wyomin...
- Black-footed Ferrets are one of the most endangered mammals in North America. They spend up to 90% of their lives underground in prairie dog burrows....

What I learned
