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Bristle-spined Porcupine

Chaetomys subspinosus

The Bristle-spined Porcupine is a unique rodent native to the Atlantic Forest of eastern Brazil. Unlike other porcupines, it has long, bristle-like spines mixed with fur rather than rigid, sharp quil…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Echimyidae
Habitat: Atlantic Forest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 8-12 years
Weight: 1.3–2.0 kg
Scientific name: Chaetomys subspinosus

Did you know?

- Despite being called a porcupine, genetic studies suggest they are more closely related to spiny rats than to true New World porcupines.
- Bristle-spined Porcupines have a prehensile tail that helps them grasp branches while climbing. Their spines are thinner and more flexible than those…

What I learned

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