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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 quills...

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
