

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Common Degu

*Octodon degus*

The Common Degu is a small, social rodent native to central Chile, known for its diurnal (daytime) activity and complex social structure. Sporting a brownish agouti coat, long tail with a tufted end,...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Octodontidae

**Habitat:** Semi-arid scrublands and grasslands

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 5-8 years in captivity, 1-4 years in the wild

**Weight:** 170-300 grams

**Scientific name:** *Octodon degus*

### Did you know?

- Degus are one of the few non-primate animals known to demonstrate a sense of object permanence and can even use tools in experimental settings.
- Common degus have continuously growing teeth that are yellow-orange due to pigments that help protect against decay. Unlike many rodents, they are pr...

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