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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common Tenrec

Tenrec ecaudatus

The Common Tenrec is a small, nocturnal mammal native to Madagascar, notable for its hedgehog-like appearance with a spiny coat and a long, pointed snout. Despite its resemblance to hedgehogs, it is …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Tenrecidae
Habitat: Tropical forest and scrubland
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-8 years
Weight: 1.0–2.5 kg
Scientific name: Tenrec ecaudatus

Did you know?

- Despite being a mammal, the Common Tenrec does not have a fixed body temperature and can adjust its temperature much like reptiles.
- The Common Tenrec can have up to 32 young in a single litter, which is one of the largest litter sizes among mammals. Unlike most mammals, tenrecs ha…

What I learned

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