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Crested Porcupine

Hystrix cristata

The Crested Porcupine is a large, nocturnal rodent known for its impressive array of long, black-and-white quills that form a distinctive 'crest' along its back and tail. Native to parts of southern …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Hystricidae
Habitat: Forests, grasslands, and rocky areas
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-15 years
Weight: 13–27 kg
Scientific name: Hystrix cristata

Did you know?

- Despite their fierce appearance, Crested Porcupines are excellent diggers and often engineer elaborate burrow systems for shelter.
- Crested Porcupines can erect their long quills to appear larger and more threatening. Their quills are not poisonous but can detach easily and embed …

What I learned

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