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Animal Fact Sheet

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Eastern Long-beaked Echidna

Zaglossus bartoni

The Eastern Long-beaked Echidna is a spiny, egg-laying mammal native to the montane forests of New Guinea. Unlike its short-beaked Australian relatives, it is larger and characterized by its elongate…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Tachyglossidae
Habitat: Montane and subalpine forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 15-30 years
Weight: 5-10 kg
Scientific name: Zaglossus bartoni

Did you know?

- Despite being a mammal, the Eastern Long-beaked Echidna lays eggs and incubates them in a pouch on its belly.
- The Eastern Long-beaked Echidna is one of only five extant monotreme species in the world. It possesses an electroreceptive snout, allowing it to det…

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