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Animal Fact Sheet

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Etruscan Shrew

Suncus etruscus

Suncus etruscus weighs about 1.8 g, less than a British penny, and is the smallest mammal on Earth by mass. Being that small pushes mammalian physiology to its limit. Surface area scales badly agains…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Soricidae
Habitat: Dense undergrowth in forests, grasslands, and scrublands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-3 years
Weight: 1.2–2.7 grams
Scientific name: Suncus etruscus

Did you know?

- The Etruscan shrew is so lightweight that it can run across the surface of dry leaves without making a sound, making it almost invisible to predators.
- The Etruscan shrew is the lightest mammal, while the bumblebee bat of Thailand is the shortest — the two contest the "smallest mammal" title dependin…

What I learned

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