

Animal Fact Sheet

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Etruscan Shrew

Suncus etruscus

The Etruscan shrew, also known as the white-toothed pygmy shrew, is the smallest known mammal by mass, weighing less than 2 grams. It has a pointed snout, large eyes, and dense, velvety fur, making it...

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 has an incredibly fast heart rate, sometimes exceeding 1,500 beats per minute. It consumes more food relative to its body weight t...

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