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European Hedgehog

Erinaceus europaeus

The European Hedgehog is a small, nocturnal mammal known for its distinctive coat of sharp spines, which serve as a defense mechanism against predators. Native to much of Europe, this species is comm...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Erinaceidae

Habitat: Woodlands, grasslands, and suburban gardens

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 3-7 years in the wild

Weight: 400–1200 grams

Scientific name: *Erinaceus europaeus*

Did you know?

- Hedgehogs can hibernate for several months during cold winters, lowering their body temperature to match the environment and significantly slowing th...
- Hedgehogs have around 5,000 to 7,000 spines on their back, which are shed and replaced over time. They communicate through a variety of sounds, inclu...

What I learned
