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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# European Hedgehog

*Erinaceus europaeus*

A hedgehog carries roughly five thousand spines, which are modified hairs stiffened with keratin, and it rolls into a ball using a specialised ring of muscle that works like a drawstring, hauling the…

## 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…
- It has around five thousand spines, and rolls up using a ring of muscle that works like a drawstring. Meeting a strong new smell, it chews the substa…

## What I learned

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