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Animal Fact Sheet

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Greater Bilby

Macrotis lagotis

Macrotis lagotis is a desert bandicoot with rabbit-like ears, a silky blue-gray coat and a black-and-white tail carried like a banner, and it is one of Australia's most effective natural excavators. …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Thylacomyidae
Habitat: Arid and semi-arid desert regions
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 6-7 years in the wild
Weight: 0.8-2.5 kg
Scientific name: Macrotis lagotis

Did you know?

- The Greater Bilby is sometimes called the 'Easter Bilby' in Australia, where it serves as a conservation-friendly alternative to the Easter Bunny.
- Bilbies have the shortest gestation of any mammal at around 12 to 14 days, after which the bean-sized young crawl into the backward pouch to finish d…

What I learned

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