

Animal Fact Sheet

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Kangaroo Rat

Dipodomys spp.

The kangaroo rat is a small, nocturnal rodent native to the arid and semi-arid regions of North America, especially the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. Named for their remarkable jump...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Heteromyidae

Habitat: Desert

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern (varies by species)

Lifespan: 2-5 years

Weight: 35-120 grams

Scientific name: *Dipodomys spp.*

Did you know?

- Kangaroo rats can live their entire lives without ever drinking liquid water, getting all the moisture they need from seeds and metabolic processes.
- Kangaroo rats can jump up to 2 meters in a single leap. They close their burrows during the day to retain moisture and avoid the heat. Their kidneys ...

What I learned
