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Animal Fact Sheet

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Kangaroo Rat

Dipodomys spp.

The kangaroo rat never drinks. It lives in the deserts of North America and can complete an entire life without a sip of water, extracting everything it needs from dry seeds — partly as the trace of …

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.
- It never drinks water in its life, taking all it needs from dry seeds and from water its own cells generate while burning them. Its nose reclaims moi…

What I learned

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