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Animal Fact Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____



Lemming

Lemmus lemmus

Lemmings are small, stocky Arctic and subarctic rodents, and they are the subject of one of the most durable pieces of wildlife misinformation ever produced. They do not commit mass suicide. That bel…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Cricetidae
Habitat: Arctic tundra
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-3 years
Weight: 20-115 grams
Scientific name: Lemmus lemmus

Did you know?

- The myth that lemmings commit mass suicide originated from a misrepresented documentary and is not based in scientific fact.
- The Disney film crew paid Inuit children for live lemmings, trucked them across Canada, and pushed them off a cliff into a river for the shot; a 1982…

What I learned

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