

Animal Fact Sheet

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Lemming

Lemmus lemmus

Lemmings are small, burrowing rodents native to the Arctic tundra and northern boreal regions. They are well-known for their compact, rounded bodies, short tails, and thick fur, which provides insula...

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.
- Lemmings are famous for their rapid population booms and crashes, which can lead to mass migrations. Their dense fur enables them to survive extreme ...

What I learned
