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Animal Fact Sheet

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Lesser Egyptian Jerboa

Jaculus jaculus

The Lesser Egyptian Jerboa is a small, nocturnal rodent known for its extraordinary long hind legs and tail, which help it leap several feet in a single bound. Adapted to arid desert environments, it…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Dipodidae
Habitat: Desert
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-6 years
Weight: 24-38 grams
Scientific name: Jaculus jaculus

Did you know?

- Despite their mouse-like appearance, jerboas are more closely related to jumping mice and birch mice than to true mice or rats.
- Jerboas can leap up to 3 meters in a single jump, far exceeding their body length. They rarely drink water, getting almost all their moisture from pl…

What I learned

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