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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...

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