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## Long-beaked Echidna

*Zaglossus bruijini*

The Long-beaked Echidna is a spiny, egg-laying mammal native to the rugged highland forests of New Guinea. Unlike its Australian short-beaked cousin, it has an elongated, downward-curving snout, perf...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Tachyglossidae

**Habitat:** Montane forests and upland regions

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Critically Endangered

**Lifespan:** 15-30 years

**Weight:** 5-10 kg

**Scientific name:** *Zaglossus bruijini*

### Did you know?

- The Long-beaked Echidna can lower its body temperature to near ambient levels, making it one of the most cold-tolerant mammals in the tropics.
- Long-beaked Echidnas are one of the few mammals that lay eggs. They have electroreceptors in their snouts to detect prey underground. Despite their s...

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