

Animal Fact Sheet

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Long-tailed Chinchilla

Chinchilla lanigera

The Long-tailed Chinchilla is a small, nocturnal rodent native to the rugged Andes mountains of northern Chile. Known for its incredibly dense, soft fur, this species was once hunted nearly to extinc...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Chinchillidae

Habitat: Rocky mountain slopes and arid shrublands

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Endangered

Lifespan: 8-10 years in the wild, up to 15 years in captivity

Weight: 400-600 grams

Scientific name: *Chinchilla lanigera*

Did you know?

- Wild populations of Long-tailed Chinchillas survive in only a handful of small, isolated colonies in Chile, making them one of the rarest mammals in ...
- Long-tailed Chinchillas have the densest fur of any land mammal, with up to 60 hairs growing from a single follicle. They take dust baths to keep the...

What I learned
