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Animal Fact Sheet

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Long-tailed Planigale

Planigale ingrami

Planigale ingrami of northern Australia is the smallest marsupial in the world - adults weigh about 4 g, less than a teaspoon of sugar - and its most extraordinary feature is its skull, which is flat…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Dasyuridae
Habitat: Floodplain grasslands and savannas
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 2-6 grams
Scientific name: Planigale ingrami

Did you know?

- Long-tailed Planigales can survive in flood-prone environments by seeking refuge in deep soil cracks until the water recedes.
- The flattened skull is unique among mammals in its proportions, and it is a structural adaptation to a habitat made of gaps rather than tunnels. Plan…

What I learned

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