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Animal Fact Sheet

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Lowland Streaked Tenrec

Hemicentetes semispinosus

Hemicentetes semispinosus of Madagascar's eastern rainforests looks like a small black-and-yellow hedgehog and is not remotely related to one - it is an afrotherian tenrec, and its resemblance to hed…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Tenrecidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-3 years
Weight: 125-280 grams
Scientific name: Hemicentetes semispinosus

Did you know?

- Unlike most mammals, the Lowland Streaked Tenrec can communicate using sound made by its body quills, not its vocal cords.
- The stridulating quills are anatomically distinct from the defensive ones and produce sound in a way found nowhere else among mammals. Streaked tenre…

What I learned

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