

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Moss Piglet

*Hypsibius dujardini*

The moss piglet, more widely known as the tardigrade, is a microscopic, water-dwelling invertebrate famed for its extreme survival abilities. Measuring less than 1 mm in length, these resilient creat...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Hypsibiidae

**Habitat:** Moist terrestrial environments such as mosses, lichens, and leaf litter

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 3 months to 2.5 years

**Weight:** 0.0002–0.001 grams

**Scientific name:** *Hypsibius dujardini*

### Did you know?

- Moss piglets can lose almost all the water in their bodies and remain dormant for decades, reviving once rehydrated.
- Moss piglets can survive extreme conditions by entering a state called cryptobiosis, where their metabolism nearly stops. They are among the few anim...

### What I learned

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