

Animal Fact Sheet

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Mountain Pygmy Possum

Burrhamys parvus

The Mountain Pygmy Possum is a small, nocturnal marsupial native to the alpine and subalpine regions of southeastern Australia. Distinguished by its dense fur, prehensile tail, and remarkable climbin...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Burramyidae

Habitat: Alpine and subalpine boulder fields

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Critically Endangered

Lifespan: 3-5 years

Weight: 35-80 grams

Scientific name: Burrhamys parvus

Did you know?

- The Mountain Pygmy Possum was believed extinct until its rediscovery in 1966, when a living specimen was found in a ski lodge basement in Victoria, A...
- Mountain Pygmy Possums are the only Australian marsupials known to hibernate under snow for up to seven months. Their populations are closely tied to...

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