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Animal Fact Sheet

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Mountain Pygmy Possum

Burramys parvus

Burramys parvus was described from a fossil in 1896 and assumed extinct for over 60 years, until a live one walked into a ski lodge at Mount Hotham in 1966 — one of the very few mammals known to scie…

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: Burramys 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…
- A road at Mount Higginbotham cut the boulder field in half, separating females from a male-only zone, so engineers built a "tunnel of love" — an unde…

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