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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Nine-banded Armadillo

*Dasypus novemcinctus*

Dasypus novemcinctus does something no other mammal reliably does: every litter is a set of genetically identical quadruplets, produced when a single fertilised egg splits twice. This makes the speci…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal
**Family:** Dasypodidae
**Habitat:** Grassland, forest, and scrubland
**Diet:** Omnivore
**Conservation status:** Least Concern
**Lifespan:** 7-20 years
**Weight:** 2.5–6.5 kg
**Scientific name:** Dasypus novemcinctus

## Did you know?

- The Nine-banded Armadillo is the only mammal other than humans known to regularly contract and carry leprosy.
- The armadillo has expanded its range dramatically since crossing the Rio Grande around 1850, reaching Illinois and North Carolina, and cold winters —…

## What I learned

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