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Animal Fact Sheet

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Pink Fairy Armadillo

Chlamyphorus truncatus

The pink fairy armadillo is the smallest armadillo — roughly the length of a human hand — and it spends almost its entire life underground in the sandy plains of central Argentina. Its shell is unlik…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Chlamyphoridae
Habitat: Dry grasslands and sandy plains
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Data Deficient
Lifespan: 4-10 years
Weight: 90-120 grams
Scientific name: Chlamyphorus truncatus

Did you know?

- The Pink Fairy Armadillo is so rarely seen that most of what is known about it comes from captive individuals rather than wild observations.
- Its shell is pink because it is translucent — what you are seeing is the blood underneath. It appears to control its body temperature by shunting blo…

What I learned

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