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Animal Fact Sheet

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Poisonous Shrew

Neomys fodiens

The poisonous shrew, commonly known as the Eurasian water shrew, is a small, semi-aquatic mammal notable for its venomous bite. It has a dense, velvety black or dark brown fur with a contrasting whit…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Soricidae
Habitat: Wetlands, riverbanks, moist forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1.5-3 years
Weight: 12-18 grams
Scientific name: Neomys fodiens

Did you know?

- Despite its small size, the poisonous shrew's venom is potent enough to kill frogs and even stun small fish.
- Unlike most mammals, the poisonous shrew has venomous saliva that can paralyze or kill small prey. It can swim and dive with ease, thanks to stiff ha…

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