

Animal Fact Sheet

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Pyrenean desman

Galemys pyrenaicus

The Pyrenean desman is a small, semi-aquatic mammal native to the mountainous streams of the Iberian Peninsula and the Pyrenees. It is characterized by its elongated, flexible snout, webbed feet, and...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal**Family:** Talpidae**Habitat:** Mountain streams and rivers**Diet:** Carnivore**Conservation status:** Endangered**Lifespan:** 3-4 years**Weight:** 35-80 grams**Scientific name:** *Galemys pyrenaicus*

Did you know?

- Despite being called a 'desman,' the Pyrenean desman is more closely related to moles than to muskrats or otters.
- Pyrenean desmans use their long, mobile snouts to detect prey underwater by touch and smell. They are excellent swimmers, aided by fringed hind feet ...

What I learned
