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Animal Fact Sheet

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Rufous Elephant Shrew

Elephantulus rufescens

Elephantulus rufescens is not a shrew and is not related to shrews. Elephant shrews, or sengis, belong to Afrotheria, which means their closest relatives are elephants, hyraxes, aardvarks, manatees a…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Macroscelididae
Habitat: Dry savanna and open woodland
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-4 years
Weight: 40-60 grams
Scientific name: Elephantulus rufescens

Did you know?

- Rufous Elephant Shrews can run at speeds of up to 28 kilometers per hour, making them one of the fastest small mammals relative to their size.
- Sengis have a very high metabolic rate and can move at up to 25 km/h in short bursts along their trails, which is extraordinary for an animal weighin…

What I learned

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