

Animal Fact Sheet

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Rufous Elephant Shrew

Elephantulus rufescens

The Rufous Elephant Shrew is a small, agile mammal native to parts of East Africa, recognized by its reddish-brown fur and distinctive elongated snout, which resembles an elephant's trunk. Measuring ...

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.
- Despite their name, elephant shrews are more closely related to elephants than to true shrews. They have a remarkable ability to leap distances up to...

What I learned
