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Animal Fact Sheet

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Scaly-tailed Squirrel

Anomalurus derbianus

The Scaly-tailed Squirrel, also known as Lord Derby's Anomalure, is a unique rodent native to the forests of Central and West Africa. Unlike true squirrels, these nocturnal animals possess a distinct…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Anomaluridae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 0.9–1.5 kg
Scientific name: Anomalurus derbianus

Did you know?

- Despite being called 'squirrels', Scaly-tailed Squirrels are more closely related to rodents like springhares than to true squirrels.
- Scaly-tailed Squirrels are not true squirrels; they belong to a distinct family called Anomaluridae. Their scaly tails are unique among mammals and h…

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