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Animal Fact Sheet

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Spiny Anteater

Tachyglossus aculeatus

The echidna is one of only five surviving monotremes — mammals that lay eggs. It has no nipples, so it feeds its young by sweating milk from patches of skin, which the hatchling, called a puggle, lap…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Tachyglossidae
Habitat: Forests, woodlands, grasslands, and arid regions
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-16 years in the wild
Weight: 2-7 kg
Scientific name: Tachyglossus aculeatus

Did you know?

- Unlike most mammals, spiny anteaters have no nipples; they secrete milk through specialized patches on their skin for their young to lap up.
- It lays eggs, yet feeds its young milk — sweated from patches of skin, because it has no nipples. Its beak detects the electrical fields of insects m…

What I learned

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