

Animal Fact Sheet

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Spiny Anteater

Tachyglossus aculeatus

The Spiny Anteater, more commonly known as the short-beaked echidna, is a small, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and New Guinea. Covered in coarse hair and sharp spines, this unique animal uses...

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.
- Spiny anteaters are monotremes, one of only five species of egg-laying mammals in the world. Despite their spines, they can burrow rapidly into the g...

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