

Animal Fact Sheet

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Springhare

Pedetes capensis

The springhare is a nocturnal, burrowing rodent native to southern and eastern Africa, known for its powerful hind legs and remarkable jumping ability. Resembling a small kangaroo with a long bushy t...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Pedetidae

Habitat: Open grasslands and savannas

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-12 years in the wild

Weight: 2.5-4 kg

Scientific name: *Pedetes capensis*

Did you know?

- Despite their kangaroo-like appearance and hopping locomotion, springhares are actually rodents and not marsupials.
- Springhares use their strong hind legs to perform incredible leaps when startled. They can also communicate by thumping their feet on the ground, and...

What I learned
