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Animal Fact Sheet

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Tarpon springtail

Anurida maritima

The Tarpon springtail is a tiny, bluish-gray invertebrate commonly found along coastal shorelines and intertidal zones. It is well adapted to life at the interface of land and sea, where it scavenges…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Neanuridae
Habitat: Intertidal shoreline
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: Up to 1 year
Weight: 0.1–1 mg
Scientific name: Anurida maritima

Did you know?

- Despite living at the ocean's edge, Tarpon springtails cannot swim and rely on surface tension and their springing ability to avoid drowning.
- Tarpon springtails can jump to escape predators by snapping their furcula, a forked appendage under their abdomen. They form large aggregations on we…

What I learned

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