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Animal Fact Sheet

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Tayra

Eira barbara

The tayra (Eira barbara) is a long-bodied, dark mustelid of Central and South American forests, roughly the size of a small dog, with a pale head and throat and a long bushy tail. It is one of the fe…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Mustelidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-18 years
Weight: 3-7 kg
Scientific name: Eira barbara

Did you know?

- Unlike most mustelids, Tayras are active during the day and have even been observed using tools to obtain food.
- Tayras have been observed picking unripe plantains, hiding them, and returning when they have ripened, which would make them one of the very few non-…

What I learned

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