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Animal Fact Sheet

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Thylacine

Thylacinus cynocephalus

The thylacine (Thylacinus cynocephalus) was a carnivorous marsupial of Tasmania, the last survivor of a family that once spread across Australia and New Guinea, and its resemblance to a dog is one of…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Thylacinidae
Habitat: Forests, grasslands, and wetlands of Tasmania
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Extinct
Lifespan: 5-7 years in the wild
Weight: 15-30 kg
Scientific name: Thylacinus cynocephalus

Did you know?

- Unlike most marsupials, both male and female Thylacines had a pouch; the male's pouch protected its external reproductive organs.
- Both male and female thylacines had a pouch; the male used his to protect the scrotum. It could open its jaws to about 80 degrees, one of the widest …

What I learned

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