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Animal Fact Sheet

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Tuco-tuco

Ctenomys talarum

The Tuco-tuco is a small, burrowing rodent native to South America, particularly found in Argentina, Uruguay, and southern Brazil. It is named for its distinctive 'tuc-tuc' vocalizations, which it us…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Ctenomyidae
Habitat: Grasslands and sandy coastal plains
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-5 years
Weight: 120-300 grams
Scientific name: Ctenomys talarum

Did you know?

- Unlike many rodents, some tuco-tuco species have one of the highest rates of chromosomal variation among mammals.
- Tuco-tucos can dig tunnels up to 50 meters in length, and their vocalizations can be heard above ground. Some species of tuco-tuco show remarkable ch…

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