

# 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...

### What I learned

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