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Animal Fact Sheet

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Yellow Mongoose

Cynictis penicillata

The Yellow Mongoose is a small, burrowing mammal native to southern Africa, recognized for its golden-yellow to reddish fur and bushy white-tipped tail. Typically measuring about 23–33 cm long (exclu…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Herpestidae
Habitat: Grassland and semi-desert scrub
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8–12 years
Weight: 0.45–1 kg
Scientific name: Cynictis penicillata

Did you know?

- Unlike many mongoose species, the Yellow Mongoose is primarily diurnal and is rarely active at night.
- Yellow Mongooses are known for their mutualistic relationship with meerkats and ground squirrels, often sharing burrow systems with them. They commun…

What I learned

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