



Using Online Natural History Databases to Support Innovation in Undergraduate Education

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The Animal Diversity Web (animaldiversity.org, ADW) and Encyclopedia of Life (eol.org, EOL) work together to provide and disseminate natural history information useful in education.

Long term collaboration: sharing data and ideas

- ADW is an EOL content partner
- EOL page re-directs on ADW
- Providing complementary resources:

Use of EOL tools in ADW/Center for Essential Science curriculum.

ADW BioKIDS Critter Catalog provides kid-friendly content.

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ADW Mission

The Animal Diversity Web is an online database and encyclopedia of animal natural history, built through contributions from students, photographers, and many others.

It is a rich and flexible resource designed both as an encyclopedia for exploring biodiversity and for use in formal, inquiry-based education.

- Online database focusing on animals, online since 1995.
- Structured content contribution model, undergraduate biology students write accounts, which are then edited for accuracy and completeness.
- 2 to 4 million pages served to 300,000 users monthly.
- 4000 taxon accounts, thousands of tagged images, including specimens and live animals.
- Majority education use.


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- Global, on-line resource—plants, animals, microorganisms
- Web pages for 1.9 million known species
- Plus millions more yet to be described
- Serves authoritative information as well as contributions from the general public.

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Introduction to ADW and Tools

Introduction to EOL and Tools

Wrap up and discussion



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What's New at ADW

Newly published: *Lama rufus*, *Vesperillus velcros*, and 3 more.
April 23, 2012

Animal Headlines

Michigan cougar stalks fraternity row. About time.

Elephants in the library!

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Myotis lucifugus little brown bat



By Aaron Havens

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Geographic Range

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Biogeographic Regions: [nearctic](#) ([native](#))

Habitat

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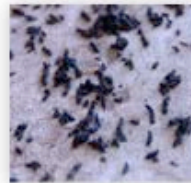
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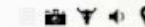
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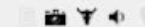
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advanced
Barbour and Davis, 1969; Fenton and Barclay, 1980; Nowak, 1994

Little brown bats are found in most parts of North America. They are not found in the far north of Canada or in the far southern parts of the United States, except in the forested high mountains of Mexico. Some little brown bats have been observed in Iceland and Kamchatka, but those probably got there as the result of accidental ship transportation by people.

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Barbour and Davis, 1969; Fenton and Barclay, 1980; Nowak, 1994

Biogeographic Regions: Nearctic (Native).

Other Geographic Terms:

? Habitat

Edit

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Night roosts are selected for their confined spaces where large concentrations of bats can cluster together to increase the temperature in the roost. These roosts are primarily occupied when temperatures are below 15°C. Night roosts are usually away from day roosts; this may diminish the accumulation of feces at day roosts and avoid signaling predators. Day and night roosts are inhabited during spring, summer, and fall months, whereas during the winter, hibernacula sites are used.

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? Reproduction: General Behavior

Use the text box to describe the reproductive cycle of this species. Be certain that you are reporting all of the important information relevant to reproduction. In the case of a mammal, this would include season of breeding, number of offspring per breeding season, gestation period, when weaning occurs, and age at sexual maturity. It might also include a description of any peculiarities of the system or anything that is notable or interesting. Examples might include descriptions of delayed implantation or fertilization, induced or spontaneous ovulation, or, in the case of hoofed mammals, whether the young are "followers" or "hidlers."

Swarming at the hibernacula occurs during late summer and fall; activity decreases with lower temperatures. Swarming serves a prenuptial function, along with showing the young suitable hibernation roosts. During late July, bats arriving at the hibernacula are adult males and nonparous females; females and subadults appear in early August. Swarming <<M. lucifugus>> may travel large distances, causing mixing of populations from different areas. During the swarming period, little brown bats are receptive to calls of conspecifics.

Advanced Intermediate

**Please check the applicable references:**

- Anthony and Kunz, 1977
- Barbour and Davis, 1969
- Bassett and Wiebers, 1979
- Belwood and Fenton, 1976
- Cockrum, 1956

Breeding interval

Describe how frequently, or at what intervals, individuals of this species breed. For example: "Wood frogs breed once yearly", or: "White-footed mice breed every 3 to 4 weeks during the warmer months and less frequently during winter".

Both sexes mate more than once per year and produce one yo

Advanced Intermediate

Breeding season

Indicate the time of year (span of months usually) in which mating occurs. This should be the time when copulation occurs, not pair formation (which should be in 'Mating Systems'), and should not include the time when births occur (please describe that information in the 'General Behavior' text box).

Mating begins in mid-August during the active phase and conti

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Use the fields provided to include information on number of offspring, time to hatching, time to independence, time to fledging, age at sexual maturity, etc. Be sure to select the correct units for those measurements. Please also describe these values in the Reproductive Behavior text box (above). Enter the typical lower and typical highest values as they are reported in the literature, only enter an average value if it is identified as an average in the literature (for example: average time to hatching is 12 days). Try to be as complete as possible in filling out this information and checking all keywords that apply to these animals.

Number of offspring

Low:

High:

Average:

Gestation period

Low:

High:

Average:

Units:



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Identification Moschiola meminna: found

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Moschiola meminna

Class: Mammalia

Geographic Range

Sri Lankan spotted mouse deer, Moschiola meminna, are only found in the Sri Lankan dry zone, which three quarters of the island. The rest of the island is wet mountainous and is not suitable for mouse deer.

Map link: http://maps.iucnredlist.org/map.html?id=41779

Biogeographic Regions: Oriental (Native).

Other Geographic Terms: Island endemic.

Habitat

The dry zone of Sri Lanka consists of a flood and drought ecology. Common forest types in this zone are monsoon, riverine dry, and mangrove forests. These habitat types provide a source of cover, water, and food. Sri Lankan spotted mouse deer can be found near water within all forest types, coastal plantations, and grasslands (Bandaratillaka 1997; Duckworth 2008)

Elevation:

Depth:

These animals are found in the following types of habitat: Tropical forest

Terrestrial Biomes: Rainforest; Scrub forest.

Aquatic Biomes:

Other:

Physical Description

Sri Lankan spotted mouse deer are small (with a mass of 2,450 g), and both have long canine teeth. Short, skinny legs, are another characteristic. They are good at running through forests and less agility all around. They also have a white patch on their face (De Magalhães 2009; Nowak 1999)

Key reproductive features

- Semelparous
Iteroparous
Seasonal breeding
Year-round breeding
Gonochoric/gonochoristic/dioecious (sexes separate)
Sexual
Induced ovulation
Fertilization
External (fertilization)
Internal (fertilization)
Broadcast (group) spawning
Viviparous (bearing live young)
Oviparous (lays eggs)
Sperm-storing
Delayed fertilization
Delayed implantation
Embryonic diapause
Post-partum estrous

rainforest [close window] rainforests, both temperate and tropical, are dominated by trees often forming a closed canopy with little light reaching the ground. Epiphytes and climbing plants are also abundant. Precipitation is typically not limiting, but may be somewhat seasonal.



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These animals

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Physic

Sri Lankan spotted mouse deer both have long legs and are running through forests and less agility all around. They also have a unique striped and spotted pelage that provides camouflage. (De Magalhaes 2009; Nowak 1999)

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Mass: Approximately 2,450 g (average)

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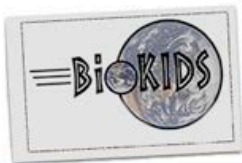
What types of habitats do these animals occupy? Be sure to describe the habitat preferences of this species in the text box. If there is information on the elevational (terrestrial) or depth (aquatic) ranges of your species, include that information in the appropriate field. Select all habitat checkboxes that apply to this species. At least one of the broad region categories should be selected (polar, temperate, or tropical) and at least one of the broad habitat type categories should be selected



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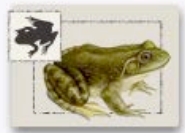
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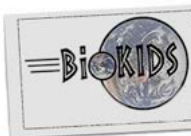
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Myotis lucifugus



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What do they look like?

Little brown bats are appropriately named. Their fur is glossy, and can be dark-brown, golden-brown, reddish, or olive-brown. Albino individuals have also been observed. The fur on the belly is lighter than the fur on the back. Wings and membranes between the legs are dark brown or black, and have almost no hair. Little brown bats have small ears and large hind feet. The hind foot has hairs that extend past the toes.

Little brown bats are tiny, and weigh between 5 and 14 g. They are between 60 and 102 mm long, and have a wingspan between 222 and 269 mm. Females are larger than males, especially during the winter. Little brown bats fly at speeds as high as 35 km/hour and average 20 km/hour.

Mass

5 to 14 g; avg. 9.50 g
(0.18 to 0.49 oz;
avg. 0.33 oz)

Length

60 to 102 mm; avg. 87 mm
(2.36 to 4.02 in; avg. 3.43 in)

Wingspan

222 to 269 mm
(8.74 to 10.59 in)

Some key physical features: [endothermic](#); [heterothermic](#).

Sexual dimorphism: female larger.

world, there are millions of species of invertebrates. Most of those invertebrates are insects. In comparison, the number of vertebrates is closer to tens of thousands.

For simplicity's sake, we have presented six main groups of invertebrates, distinguished

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- ✧ Very large, structured database permits flexible querying so students can discover patterns in natural history. Ideally suited for active inquiry in a wide variety of organismal and introductory biology courses.
- ✧ Data available for queries includes geographic range, diet, size parameters, habitat, behaviors, and many other species-level characteristics.
- ✧ Queries of tagged specimen images illustrate morphological adaptations.
- ✧ Queries of live animal images illustrate life stages, anatomies, and behaviors.





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Welcome to QUAARDVARK



Welcome to **Qu aardvark**, a tool for creating complex queries that allow you to dig through the underlying database of the [Animal Diversity Web](#) to discover ecological and evolutionary patterns in the natural world.

Quick Overview

- **Query and Report** takes you to the query tool, where you can search Animal Diversity Web data and create spreadsheet-like reports. You will need to be **registered** to download data or save work.
- For an explanation (including short screencasts) of how to set up queries and reports, see "[Using Qu aardvark](#)".

Educators and Researchers

- To see how other educators have used Qu aardvark, take a look at the set of [Sample Activities](#).
- To explore the query tool without registering, select **Query and Report**. You will not be able to download data or save queries with this option, but you can access all search features and view reports within your browser.
- To save queries and download data, **register** for SAMPLE 999.
- To inquire about using Qu aardvark in one of your courses, contact adw_qu aardvark_help @umich.edu.

Students

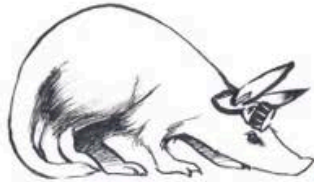
- If you're a student in a participating course, you must **register** as a member of the site. Don't forget to **select the course** that you're enrolled in, so your instructor will see your work!

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Sample Activities



ADW project staff and collaborating faculty have created about 30 learning activities that use data from the Animal Diversity Web, extracted with Quaaardvark. In each activity students construct their own searches, and extract data sets that are large enough for them to find patterns. Below is a full list of activities, and then shorter lists of activities suitable for different types of undergraduate classes. Activity titles link to individual pages with downloadable activity documents.

Full List of Activities

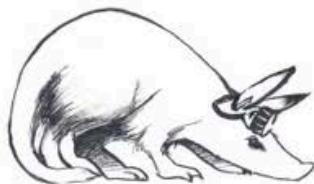
- [An Introduction to the Animal Diversity Web and Quaaardvark](#): This exercise serves as an introduction to the features of the Animal Diversity Web and the Quaaardvark query tool by faculty collaborator Matthew Wund, The College of New Jersey.
- [Ecosystem Productivity and Resource Acquisition](#): This exercise structures student exploration of the relationship between productivity in different kinds of habitats and aspects of life history that affect resource acquisition strategies, by faculty collaborator Matthew Wund, The College of New Jersey.
- [Life History Impacts on Number of Offspring](#): An activity developed and implemented by Dr. Patricia Burrows, University of Puerto Rico, for use in a General Zoology course. This activity explores the impact of various life history characteristics on the number of offspring in New World mice (Cricetidae).
- [Relating Natural History Traits to Basal Metabolic Rate](#): This activity, designed by faculty participant Karen Francl, Radford University, has students explore the relationship between various natural history traits and basal metabolic rate.
- [Patterns in Life Histories and Conservation Risk](#): These exercises explore conservation risk and its relationship with various life history characteristics, using several groups of mammals.
- [Reproductive Strategies in Metatherians and Eutherians](#): This exercise explores the different reproductive investment strategies in metatherian and eutherian mammals, by faculty collaborator Jim Ryan, Hobart and William Smith Colleges.
- [Endangered Species Lab](#): Students investigate a set of life history characteristics in a set of animal taxa to determine what most strongly influences conservation risk (by faculty collaborator Karen Francl, Radford University).
- [Primate Morphology Query](#): This activity was specifically developed to demonstrate the ability of Quaaardvark to query ADW images as well as text. Students explore several aspects of primate morphology, extracting and comparing images of skulls, other bones, and teeth. Topics include the association of binocular vision with life history and cranial structure, diet and dental morphology, and other patterns.
- [Generalized Sexual Dimorphism And Mating System Exercise](#): Students test whether mating systems of different species correlate with size dimorphism between the sexes. Birds are the taxon specified in the example, but could easily use other groups. Uses Excel to graph data, doesn't include statistical tests, but could.

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Instructors! Do you want to see [sample activities](#)? They are on [this page of examples](#).

For a quick overview of Qu aardvark in action, **use these shortcuts to watch narrated screencasts**.

1. [Query and Report overview](#)
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If your class is using the discussion area, you may also want to view these two movies:

1. [Participate in class discussion](#)
2. [Load query from discussion item](#)

For more detail on any of these topics, read the sections below.

How do I use Query and Report?

Two questions underlie how you interact with Qu aardvark:

1. *What animals are you interested in?* This forms your **query** (search terms).
2. *What do you want to know about them?* This structures your **report**.

When you have specified both parts, we refer to that as a qu'ark. In the examples that follow, we are interested in *clutch size and conservation status for neotropical and ethiopian birds*.

Step 1. What animals are you interested in? Specify your query. For this example, our animals of interest are: birds (Aves) in neotropical and ethiopian biogeographic regions. In the query area, start by editing the animal group to be the one we want (e.g. Aves). Next, add conditions to restrict the animal group (e.g. neotropical and ethiopian Aves).

Query *What group of animals are you interested in searching?*

Animal Group "Animalia" Edit Add condition Delete

Start by editing Animal Group to be the one you are interested in (e.g. Aves)

For more complex groups - e.g. Aves AND Serpentes - use the "add animal group" button

Add conditions to restrict the animal group

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Query *What group of animals are you interested in searching?*

Animal Group

"Animalia"

Edit

Add condition

Delete

Add animal group

Report *What do you want to know about them?*

Taxonomic Ranks > Species

Taxonomic Ranks > Class

...

Edit

Move Up

Move Down

Delete

Add more data

Reset Form

Submit

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- ❖ Query section allows students to identify a group of animals that they want information on.
- ❖ Report section allows students to specify the information they want.
- ❖ An example query follows . . .

Query *What group of animals are you interested in searching?*

Animal Group "Chiroptera"

Taxon Information

Geographic Range

- Search Text
- Biogeographic Regions
- Other Geographic Terms

Habitat

Physical Description

Development

Reproduction: Mating Systems

Reproduction: General Behavior

Reproduction: Parental Investment

Lifespan/Longevity

Behavior

Communication and Perception

Food Habits

Predation

Ecosystem Roles

Economic Importance for Humans: Positive

Economic Importance for Humans: Negative

Conservation Status

Other Comments

Media Assets: Specimens

Media Assets: Subjects

Biogeographic Regions

- Nearctic Introduced Native
- Palearctic Introduced Native
- Oriental Introduced Native
- Ethiopian Introduced Native
- Neotropical Introduced Native
- Australian Introduced Native
- Antarctica Introduced Native
- Oceanic Islands Introduced Native
- Arctic Ocean Introduced Native
- Indian Ocean Introduced Native
- Atlantic Ocean Introduced Native
- Pacific Ocean Introduced Native
- Mediterranean Sea Introduced Native

Query for bats native to the Nearctic.



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Query *What group of animals are you interested in searching?*

Animal Group "Chiroptera"

Geographic Range > Biogeographic Regions Nearctic :: Native

Report *What do you want to know about them?*

Taxonomic Ranks > Species

Taxonomic Ranks > Family ...

Physical Description > Mass Average (g)

Taxonomic Ranks
Taxon Information
Geographic Range
Habitat
Physical Description
Development
Reproduction: Mating Systems
Reproduction: General Behavior
Reproduction: Parental Investment
Lifespan/Longevity
Behavior
Communication and Perception
Food Habits

- Primary Diet
- Animal Foods
- Plant Foods
- Other Foods
- Foraging Behavior

Predation

Ecosystem Roles

Primary Diet

- List keywords under a column **Primary Diet**
- Report keywords in their own column

If the keyword is present, **Y/N** is reported.

- Carnivore
 - (eats animal tissue)
 - Eats terrestrial vertebrates
 - Piscivore
 - (eats fish)
 - Eats eggs
 - Sanguivore
 - (drinks blood)
 - Eats body fluids
 - Insectivore
 - (eats insects)
 - Eats non-insect arthropods
 - (crustaceans, arachnids, etc.)
 - Molluscivore
 - (eats snails, bivalves, squid, etc.)
 - Vermivore
 - (eats worms)

Report
primary
diet.



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Report *What do you want to know about them?*

Taxonomic Ranks > Species

Taxonomic Ranks > Family ...

Physical Description > Mass Average (g)

Food Habits > Primary Diet List keywords

Taxonomic Ranks

Taxon Information

Geographic Range

Habitat

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Media Assets: Specimens

- Foot
- Forefoot
- Forelimb
- Hindfoot
- Lower Jaw
- Skull
- Teeth
- Vertebrae

Media Assets: Subjects

Specimen: Skull

- Skull
 - Alisphenoid Canal
 - Basicranial View
 - Basiocipital
 - Bullae
 - Dorsal View
 - Frontal View
 - Horns
 - Infraorbital Foramen
 - Lateral View
 - Maxillary-Premaxillary Juncture
 - Nasal
 - Nasal-Premaxillary Relationship
 - Orbit
 - Palate
 - Palatine View Premaxillary
 - Ventral View
 - Zygomatic Plate

Only include species with media assets matching this terms
Species without matching media assets will be removed from the report; unchecking this may produce a report with gaps.

Show images
of skull
morphology.



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Query *What group of animals are you interested in searching?*

Animal Group

"Chiroptera"

Edit

Add condition

Delete

Add animal group

Select
"submit."

Report *What do you want to know about them?*

Taxonomic Ranks > Species

Taxonomic Ranks > Family

...

Edit

Move Up

Move Down

Delete

Geographic Range > Biogeographic Regions

List
keywords

Edit

Move Up

Move Down

Delete

Physical Description > Mass

Average (g)

Edit

Move Up

Move Down

Delete

Food Habits > Primary Diet

List keywords

Edit

Move Up

Move Down

Delete

Media Assets: Specimens > Specimen: Skull

Skull ::
Ventral
View

Edit

Move Up

Move Down

Delete

Add more data

Reset Form

Submit

Species	Antrozous pallidus	Choeronycteris mexicana	Corynorhinus rafinesquii	Corynorhinus townsendii	Desmodus rotundus	Diphylla ecaudata	Eptesicus fuscus	Eumops perotis
Family	Vespertilionidae	Phyllostomidae	Vespertilionidae	Vespertilionidae	Phyllostomidae	Phyllostomidae	Vespertilionidae	Molossidae
Mass - g	22.5	25	10	9	32.5	35	23	57
Primary Diet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carnivore Carnivore :: Insectivore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbivore Herbivore :: Frugivore Herbivore :: Nectarivore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carnivore Carnivore :: Insectivore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carnivore Carnivore :: Insectivore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carnivore Carnivore :: Sanguivore 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carnivore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carnivore Carnivore
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Skull :: Ventral View								

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Report is presented in the browser window and is downloadable.

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[Impact of Life History on Number of Offspring, Rodents \(07/06/2012 - 23:34\)](#)

Load

Submit

Delete








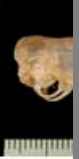








[Bat Dietary Morphology \(07/06/2012 - 23:20\)](#)

Load

Submit

Delete

Use the backpack to save queries and reports for later review.

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Registered users can save queries and results in their "backpack."



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Species	Class	Lifespan (captivity, undetermined) - years	Mass - kg
Acinonyx jubatus	Mammalia	19	53.5
Acrobates pygmaeus	Mammalia	7.2	0.013
Acrochordus granulatus	Reptilia	4	0.13
Acrochordus javanicus	Reptilia	4.1	6.5
Addax nasomaculatus	Mammalia	19	92.5
Aegolius acadicus	Aves	16	0.0875
Aepyoceros melampus	Mammalia	17.4	52.5

- Aepyrymnus rufescens
- Agapornis fischeri
- Agapornis roseicollis
- Agkistrodon piscivorus
- Ailuropoda melanoleuca
- Ailurus fulgens
- Alauda arvensis
- Albula vulpes



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Species	Family	Mass - g	Number of offspring - extreme low	Number of offspring - extreme high	Habitat Regions	arboreal	scansorial	cursorial	terricolous	fossorial	solitary	social
Abrocoma cinerea	Abrocomidae	250	1	3								YES
Acomys russatus	Muridae	45										
Aconaemys fuscus	Octodontidae	48.5	2	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperate • Terrestrial 			YES	YES			YES
Akodon azarae	Cricetidae	19			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropical • Terrestrial 			YES	YES			YES
Akodon cursor	Cricetidae	42.5			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropical • Terrestrial 			YES				
Akodon montensis	Cricetidae	42	3	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperate • Tropical • Terrestrial 			YES	YES		YES	
Akodon philipmyersi	Cricetidae	23		3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropical • Terrestrial 			YES				

Possible queries are almost limitless.

- ❖ Instructors appreciate the opportunity to incorporate active inquiry into undergraduate biology classrooms.
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- ❖ Implemented in over 20 undergraduate institutions and a wide variety of courses.
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