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<b>Record:</b>	Smallest mammal/fastest heartbeat
<b>Animal name:</b>	Etruscan shrew
<b>Scientific Name:</b>	<i>Suncus etruscus</i>
<b>Type of animal:</b>	Mammal
<b>Size:</b>	Up to 2 in (5 cm) long, 0.06 oz (1.8 g)
<b>Status:*</b>	Least concern
<b>Country/Region</b>	Europe, Asia and North Africa
<b>Habitat:</b>	Forests and grasslands

### DID YOU KNOW?

1. An Etruscan shrew heart can beat up to 1511 beats per minute - that's 18 times faster than a human's heartbeat!
2. When food is scarce, Etruscan shrews can lower their body temperature and hibernate temporarily.
3. They eat up to two times their body weight per day.



\*IUCN Status Categories: Least Concern, Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically Endangered, Extinct in the Wild, Extinct



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