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