

Edible Dormouse
Longest Hibernation



Record: Longest hibernation

Range:

Animal name: Edible dormouse

Scientific Name: *Glis glis*

Type of animal: Mammal

Habitat: European forests

Size: 7 in (~18 cm) long body with a tail about that long

Status: Least concern

Facts: Many animals survive by hibernating during part of the year. The record-holder is the European edible dormouse. The edible in their name is because ancient Romans liked to eat them. But they're not mice at all. The edible dormouse hibernates for up to 11 months per year. It may look like they're sleeping, but hibernation is very different. When dormice hibernate, their heart rate goes from over 300 beats per minute to under ten. Their breathing goes from 50 breaths per minute to about one.



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