

Mammal Biodiversity Table

Animal	Type of Mammal	Sleep Pattern	Name of Young	Locomotion	Habitat	Eating style	Water Source	Special Characteristics
Platypus	Monotreme	Nocturnal	Platypus	Swims (freshwater)	Underground Burrows	Carnivore	River	Most poisonous mammal (male have venom)
Pacific Gray Whale	Placental	(none)	Calf	Swims (Ocean)	Migrates	Carnivore	From food (krill)	Longest known migration of any mammal
Least Shrew	Placental	(none)	Shrew	Walks	Underground Burrows	Omnivore	In habitat	Extremely fast metabolism
Mexican Free-Tail Bat	Placental	Nocturnal	Pup	Flies	Caves	Carnivore	In habitat	Only flying mammal
African Elephant	Placental	Diurnal	Calf	Walks	Land	Herbivore	Watering Holes	Largest land mammal, Longest gestation
Koala	Marsupial	Diurnal	Joey	Sits	Lives in trees	Herbivore	From food (leaves)	Predigested food
Giraffe	Placental	Diurnal	Calf	Walks	Land	Herbivore	From food (leaves)	Boring childhood

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