

# ECHIDNA FACT SHEET

- Echidnas are small, solitary mammals covered with coarse hair and spines.
- They look like anteaters and other spiny mammals such as hedgehogs and porcupines.
- Like the platypus, they are equipped with electrosensors\* (\*That's the ability to perceive natural electrical stimuli-helps them locate food)
- Echidnas and the platypus are the only egg-laying mammals, known as monotremes.

**Length:** 14in - 20in

**Weight:** 9lbs - 15lbs

**Top Speed:** 18mph

**Life Span:** 15 - 40 years

**Color:** Brown, Black, White

**Favorite Food:** Ants



# ECHIDNA

**Nickname:**

*Spiny Anteater*



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## FOOTPRINTS



Hindfoot



Forefoot



Close-up image of the spines.