



## MAMMALS

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### Northern Tree Shrew

*Tupaia belangeri*

**Peoria Zoo Exhibit** Historic Entry Building

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**Habitat:** Found in forests throughout Asia

**Range:** Eastern Nepal and Bangladesh to southeastern China, Indochina, and the Malay Peninsula

**Activity Cycle:** Diurnal— active during the day

**Size:** 5.5-9 inches long (from nose to base of tail), with a tail about as long as their body.

**Social Structure:** Typically live in monogamous pairs. The male will defend his territory from other males, the female will defend hers from other females.

**Distinguishing Features:** Have grayish, olive fur. They resemble squirrels, with short coarse fur and white or brown on the underbelly. The snout is pointed, the ears are small and bare. Toes have claws.

**Diet:** Mainly insects and fruit

**Life Span:** In the wild they typically live for 2-3 years. In captivity they can live up to 12 years.

## *Did you know?*

*Tree shrews have the highest brain to body mass ratio of any animal, even higher than humans.*