

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs are small, prickly animals. They have more than 7000 spines, four legs and a small tail. They curl into a small ball when they are in danger. Their favourite habitats are edges of forests, gardens and parks. Hedgehogs have a good sense of sight and hearing, but their sense of smell is excellent. Even a worm hidden 3cm under the ground will not be safe from a hedgehog. Hedgehogs are nocturnal - which means they are awake and hunt mostly during the night. They have a huge appetite and love food like worms, insects, spiders, snakes and mice. If they are really hungry they will also eat berries. The enemies of a hedgehog are foxes, dogs, badgers, large birds and cars. Hedgehogs hibernate during winter.

Hedgehogs like many other animals are in the danger of extinction caused by a constant decrease of their living places like bushes and hedges and intensive traffic.

appearance

food

senses

other