



© HSBC Singapore Care-for-Nature Trust Fund/ Samling/ UNIMAS/ HOSCAP

NOT EVALUATED	DATA DEFICIENT	LEAST CONCERN	NEAR THREATENED	< VULNERABLE >	ENDANGERED	CRITICALLY ENDANGERED	EXTINCT IN THE WILD	EXTINCT
NE	DD	LC	NT	VU	EN	CR	EW	EX



Geographical range

Amazing Species: Tufted Ground Squirrel

The **Tufted Ground Squirrel**, *Rheithrosciurus macrotis*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is endemic to the island of Borneo and has only been recorded in primary forest in hilly areas, although it is not well surveyed in other habitat types. This spectacular rodent is named for the tufts of hair on its ears and its large, bushy tail which is held high when the squirrel is active.

The Tufted Ground Squirrel is thought to occur at very low densities and could be dependent on good quality habitat. This makes it very susceptible to habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation, caused by unsustainable logging and conversion of forest to plantations. The species is also threatened by hunting using snares and traps.

The apparent rarity and occurrence at low densities of the Tufted Ground Squirrel raises concerns regarding its conservation status. Although protected in Malaysian Borneo, it is not protected in other parts of the island. Detailed surveys are required to acquire more information on this species, to enable the development of appropriate and targeted conservation measures.

www.iucnredlist.org
 Help Save Species™
www.arkive.org



The production of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ is made possible through the IUCN Red List Partnership.