

Fact Sheet: Black-footed ferret.

animal class: mammal.

size: 18 to 24 inches long, including a 5 to 6 inch tail

weight: 1.5 to 2.5 pounds (males being slightly larger than females).

description: slender, wiry with a black facemask, yellow buff color, nearly white on the forehead, muzzle and throat. short legs, large ears and eyes. creamy fur.

lifespan: 3-4 years of age in the wild.

habitat: live in grasslands, specifically prairies. Inhabit abandoned prairie dog dens, and only where prairie dog populations still exist.

diet: prairie dog ~~hanters~~ and rats, mice, rabbits, squirrels, reptiles, even insects.