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The animal on the cover of *Concurrency in Go* is the short-eared elephant shrew (*Macroscelides proboscideus*), a small mammal native to arid regions of Namibia, Botswana, and South Africa. Also known as a sengi, short-eared elephant shrews get their name from their elongated snout, which is thought to resemble an elephant's trunk.

Short-eared elephant shrews weigh between 28 and 43 grams and can grow to 10 centimeters in length, making them the smallest species in the elephant shrew family. Their fur is brown and gray with a white underbelly. They feed on insects like termites, ants, and worms, as well as plants like berries and leaf shoots.

Although short-eared elephant shrews are mainly solitary, they are one of the few mammals to mate monogamously. Mating pairs will team up to defend their territory from other shrews. The lifespan of a short-eared elephant shrew is one to two years in the wild, but they have been shown to live up to four years in captivity.

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