

Little Bad Beasts

We always hear of the big bad beast;
of his huge great claws
and his size increased.

But we never hear of the tiny little one
with his cute little face
who doesn't weigh a ton.

Here's a few of the tiny animals
from the smallest bird
to the cutest mammals.

First let's start with the fish in the sea
and this one's the size
of a garden pea.
The infantfish has tiny fins;
he's found near reefs
where he darts and spins.

The teeniest bird is a clever little thing
who hangs near flowers
with his hovering wing.

The bee hummingbird as the name suggests
is the size of a bee
with a colourful chest.

The slightest mammal when it comes to weight?
A scampering shrew
with a wild heart-rate.
He feasts on bugs and worms all day
but has to hide
from birds of prey.

The littlest lizard with the reptile prize
is the diddy dwarf gecko
with his beady eyes.
He scurries up walls and loves to eat flies;
he's really quite quick -
especially for his size!



1. The infantfish is the same size as what?



2. What is the teeniest bird?



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Why do you think the shrew needs hide from the birds of prey?



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Answers

1. The infantfish is the same size as what?

The infant fish is the same size as a garden pea.

2. What is the teeniest bird?

The teeniest bird is the bee hummingbird/hummingbird.

3. 'He feasts on bugs and worms all day
but has to hide
from birds of prey.'

Why do you think the shrew needs hide from the birds of prey?

The shrew has to hide because he is their prey. They want to eat him.

4. What do you think it means by 'reptile prize'?

It means that the creature wins the 'prize' or award for being the smallest reptile.