

# 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!



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2. What is the teeniest bird?

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## Answers

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

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**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.**