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The *gestation period* database contains two additional files. The *numerical* dataset has 345 records and seven columns. The first column gives a sequential number for each record (i.e., 1-345). The second gives a unique numerical identifier for each species (see General Introduction above). The third and fourth columns give the binomial name and taxonomic order name for each species, respectively. The fifth gives a common name, where available. The sixth and seventh columns provide body weight and gestation period data, respectively.

The *reference* file provides three references for gestation period.