

Minior

Minior (#774)

Rock

Flying

Sex Ratio: unknown

Egg Group: Mineral

Abilities:

Shields Down

Minior minior (Minior)

Minior are small Pokémon that are derived from mutated nanoparticles. They are 1-foot tall (0.3 M) and with a shell on they weigh 88.2 pounds (40 kg), but without the shell they weigh 0.7 pounds (0.3 kg).

Minior come in a variety of Core Form colors, and can come in *any* color in the visible light spectrum that is not produced by combining multiple wavelengths of light. This criteria is meant to specifically excludes whites, greys, blacks, magentas, and browns. Shiny Minior are black with colored triangles.

Habitat: Minior form in the stratosphere from mutated nanoparticles, and make their home in the ozone layer. They do not form anywhere else and they cannot be replicated in laboratory settings – yet! Some scientists have been working furiously to develop Miniors in the lab.

Life Cycles: Minior have a tragic but simple life cycle. They're one of the few Pokémon that do not seem to develop proper eggs, but the atmospheric studies that do exist seem to suggest that Miniors do reproduce with each other like other Pokémon, though its uncertain how this occurs. Newly emerged Miniors eat atmospheric dust and the dust eventually forms an incredibly durable outer shell. Eventually, the shell becomes too heavy and the minior falls to the Earth. The shock of the impact cracks open their shell, exposing their core – the color of which is determined by the dust that they ate in the upper atmosphere. Unfortunately, once a Minior is exposed, it will almost certainly die, for Miniors cannot have their core exposed for too long. The longest recorded lifespan of a wild exposed Minior is 10 hours, but realistically they will die within 4 hours after exposure. However, trainers have been able to preserve Minior lives by placing them into a Pokéball and protecting their core, before their lifespan is up.

In the stratosphere, Minior make a great food source for other stratospheric Pokémon such as Rayquaza.

It is unknown how long Miniors can live for as its incredibly difficult to track wild Miniors, but in captivity they have been able to live for several years past their original crash-landing to Earth. Please be aware though, that keeping Miniors in Pokeballs is effectively giving them life support, and Miniors *cannot* be outside their Pokéball for more than a couple hours at a time per day when exposed from their shell. It is actively and strongly advised not to allow Miniors to participate in battle except under limited circumstances. In fact, the only settings where scientists have figured out how to preserve exposed Miniors is under strict laboratory settings that are impossible to replicate out of expensive science facilities – but this does give hope for the future of captive Minior populations, and possibly our understanding of life in the cosmos.

| Meteor Form: Base Stats | |
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| HP | 60 |
| Attack | 60 |
| Defense | 100 |
| Sp. Attack | 60 |
| Sp. Defense | 100 |
| Speed | 60 |

| Core Form: Base Stats | |
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| HP | 60 |
| Attack | 100 |
| Defense | 60 |
| Sp. Attack | 100 |
| Sp. Defense | 60 |
| Speed | 120 |

| Minior | | Rock | Flying |
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| Learnset: Level Up | | Level | Category |
| Normal | Tackle | 1 | Physical |
| Normal | Defense Curl | 3 | Status |
| Rock | Rollout | 8 | Physical |
| Ghost | Confuse Ray | 10 | Status |
| Normal | Swift | 15 | Special |
| Rock | Ancient Power | 17 | Special |
| Normal | Self-Destruct | 22 | Physical |
| Rock | Stealth Rock | 24 | Status |
| Normal | Take Down | 29 | Physical |
| Steel | Autotomize | 31 | Status |
| Psychic | Cosmic Power | 36 | Status |
| Rock | Power Gem | 38 | Special |
| Normal | Double-Edge | 43 | Physical |
| Normal | Shell Smash | 45 | Status |
| Normal | Explosion | 50 | Physical |
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Behavior: Minior are friendly and curious. They are prepared to have short lifespans once they fall to the earth, they are fairly optimistic sorts who enjoy the limited life that they have. Those who have granted them longer lifespans by placing them inside Pokéballs, find their Minior friend to be highly curious, if a bit startled at being able to exist (albeit in a limited capacity) on Earth for so long. Since their main predator are Rayquazas and other upper atmosphere creatures, they don't have a lot of natural fears toward the Pokémon on land, so get along just fine. If you're willing to keep very good care of a Minior, then they can make a nice household pet. Granted, Miniors in their Core Form aren't terribly exciting, but they are listening to what's going on and even respond! In fact, many trainers with Miniors find that they're fans of audio experiences, and perhaps letting them listen to music or a good book is a good way to keep them entertained when they're inside their shell. It's like having a pet rock, but it's self-aware and can squeak at you.

Diet: Dust. They literally just eat dust. If you have a dust allergy, a Minior might be a great solution!

Conservation: Unknown

Relationship with Humans: Miniors are the subject of many tragedies and nature documentaries. Their lives are perfect to encapsulate the mystery of the cosmos or a strange, mysterious friend who enters your life for a brief period but has to leave you forever, and so forth. Quite a number of sad children's books use Miniors as

| Learnset: Breeding | | |
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| Normal | Moonlight | Status |
| Normal | Morning Sun | Status |
| Psychic | Ally Switch | Status |
| Ice | Aurora Veil | Status |
| Psychic | Barrier | Status |
| Normal | Baton Pass | Status |
| Normal | Double Team | Status |
| Normal | Hidden Power | Special |
| Psychic | Hypnosis | Status |
| Ice | Icy Wind | Special |
| Steel | Iron Defense | Status |
| Psychic | Light Screen | Status |
| Psychic | Magic Room | Status |
| Psychic | Mirror Coat | Status |
| Psychic | Psyshock | Special |
| Psychic | Reflect | Status |
| Normal | Refresh | Status |
| Rock | Rock Polish | Status |
| Normal | Secret Power | Physical |
| Normal | Supersonic | Status |
| Normal | Swift | Special |

the go-to Pokémon for the tragic friendships and the terminally ill. In fact, Miniors are often representative of the terminally ill community, or by folks with illnesses that could kill them any day if they do the wrong thing. Miniors are surprisingly common in cancer wards, generally owned by a handful of the staff who keep company to those who may not have anyone else who understands the fears and anxieties that they have toward death. But despite their symbolism with tragic deaths and short lives and terminal illness, Miniors are still beloved for what they are and the joy that they can bring with them in their short existence.

Classification: Minior is the only Pokémon species in its entire phylum of the Family Tree of Evolution (as of Gen 9). Because of this, it defines what it means to be in its phylum, and thus it has the species name *Minior minior*.

Learnset: Tutoring/TMs

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| Flying | Acrobatics | Physical | Electric | Magnet Rise | Status | Poison | Toxic | Status |
| Normal | Attract | Status | Normal | Protect | Status | Bug | U-Turn | Physical |
| Ground | Bulldoze | Physical | Normal | Psych Up | Status | Psychic | Zen Headbutt | Physical |
| Psychic | Calm Mind | Status | Psychic | Psychic | Special | | | |
| Electric | Charge Beam | Special | Psychic | Reflect | Status | | | |
| Normal | Confide | Status | Psychic | Rest | Status | | | |
| Fairy | Dazzling Gleam | Special | Normal | Return | Physical | | | |
| Normal | Double Team | Status | Rock | Rock Polish | Status | | | |
| Ground | Earthquake | Physical | Rock | Rock Slide | Physical | | | |
| Normal | Endeavor | Physical | Rock | Rock Tomb | Physical | | | |
| Normal | Explosion | Physical | Normal | Round | Special | | | |
| Normal | Façade | Physical | Normal | Safeguard | Status | | | |
| Normal | Frustration | Physical | Rock | Sandstorm | Status | | | |
| Normal | Giga Impact | Physical | Normal | Sleep Talk | Status | | | |
| Psychic | Gravity | Status | Normal | Snore | Special | | | |
| Steel | Gyro Ball | Physical | Grass | Solar Beam | Special | | | |
| Normal | Hidden Power | Special | Rock | Stealth Rock | Status | | | |
| Normal | Hyper Beam | Special | Rock | Stone Edge | Physical | | | |
| Steel | Iron Head | Physical | Normal | Substitute | Status | | | |
| Normal | Last Resort | Physical | Normal | Swagger | Status | | | |
| Psychic | Light Screen | Status | Psychic | Telekinesis | Status | | | |