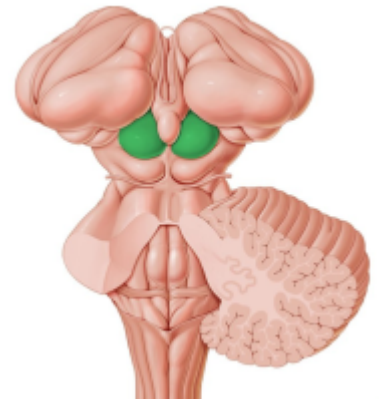


Superior colliculus



The optic tectum or simply [tectum](#) is a paired structure that forms a major component of the vertebrate [midbrain](#). In mammals, this structure is more commonly called the superior colliculus (Latin, upper hill), but, even in mammals, the adjective tectal is commonly used.

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