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Animal Fact Sheet

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African Golden Cat

Caracal aurata

The African Golden Cat is a medium-sized, elusive wild cat native to the rainforests of Central and West Africa. It has a robust build, with a short tail and rounded ears, and its fur color ranges fr…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Felidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 10-12 years
Weight: 5.5-16 kg
Scientific name: Caracal aurata

Did you know?

- Despite their range, African Golden Cats are so rarely seen that most of what scientists know about them comes from camera traps and local folklore.
- The African Golden Cat is closely related to the caracal and serval, but is the only member of its genus. Its fur can change color with age and regio…

What I learned

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