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Animal Fact Sheet

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Caracal

Caracal caracal

The caracal is a mid-sized cat with a genuinely spectacular specialism: it can leap several metres straight up from a standstill and swat a bird out of the air, occasionally taking more than one on a…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Felidae
Habitat: Savanna, semi-desert, scrubland, and woodland
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-15 years in the wild
Weight: 8-19 kg
Scientific name: Caracal caracal

Did you know?

- Caracals were once trained by ancient Egyptians and Indians for bird hunting due to their remarkable agility.
- A caracal can jump several metres straight up from standing and knock birds out of the air — sometimes more than one per leap. Each of its ears is st…

What I learned

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