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Animal Fact Sheet

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Jaguarundi

Herpailurus yagouaroundi

Herpailurus yagouaroundi looks like a cat drawn by someone who had only heard one described: a long low body, short legs, a small flattened head, small rounded ears and a very long tail, with a unifo…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Felidae
Habitat: Dense forest, scrubland, savanna, and wetland edges
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7-13 years
Weight: 3.5-9 kg
Scientific name: Herpailurus yagouaroundi

Did you know?

- Despite their name and appearance, jaguarundis are more closely related to cougars than to jaguars.
- Jaguarundis were kept by pre-Columbian peoples, apparently semi-tamed, to control rodents around settlements - one of the few wild cats with any such…

What I learned

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