

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Lowland Paca

*Cuniculus paca*

The lowland paca is a large, nocturnal rodent native to Central and South America. It is characterized by its robust body, short limbs, and distinct white spots along its dark brown sides. Pacas are ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Cuniculidae

**Habitat:** Tropical rainforest

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 12-15 years

**Weight:** 6–14 kg

**Scientific name:** *Cuniculus paca*

### Did you know?

- Despite being a rodent, the paca is an adept swimmer and will often escape threats by diving and hiding underwater.
- Pacas communicate with low grunts and use their strong teeth to make clicking noises as a warning. Their meat is considered a delicacy in some region...

### What I learned

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