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Animal Fact Sheet

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Margay

Leopardus wiedii

Leopardus wiedii is a small spotted cat of Central and South American forest, and it is the most completely arboreal cat in the Americas - possibly the world. Its ankles rotate through 180 degrees, a…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Felidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical rainforests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 2.6-4 kg
Scientific name: Leopardus wiedii

Did you know?

- Margays are so adept at arboreal life that they can hang from branches by one foot, using their long tail for balance.
- The margay's 180-degree ankle rotation is a joint mobility found in almost no other cat, and it is what allows a headfirst descent - most cats have t…

What I learned

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