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Animal Fact Sheet

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Marsh Rabbit

Sylvilagus palustris

The Marsh Rabbit is a medium-sized, semi-aquatic cottontail native to the southeastern United States. It is well adapted to life in wetlands, with shorter ears and legs compared to other rabbits, and…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Leporidae
Habitat: Freshwater marshes, swamps, and wetland edges
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-4 years
Weight: 1.0–1.6 kg
Scientific name: Sylvilagus palustris

Did you know?

- Unlike most rabbits, Marsh Rabbits sometimes submerge themselves completely underwater with only their noses exposed to avoid predators.
- Marsh Rabbits are excellent swimmers and will dive underwater to escape danger. They have a unique habit of walking on all fours, tucking their hind …

What I learned

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