

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
