

Animal Fact Sheet

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Patagonian Mara

Dolichotis patagonum

The Patagonian Mara is a large, herbivorous rodent native to the open and semi-open habitats of central and southern Argentina. Resembling a cross between a rabbit and a small deer, it has long legs ...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Caviidae

Habitat: Grasslands and shrublands of central and southern Argentina

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Near Threatened

Lifespan: 8-14 years

Weight: 8–16 kg

Scientific name: *Dolichotis patagonum*

Did you know?

- Despite being rodents, Patagonian Maras have long, slender legs and can hop like a rabbit, making their movement quite unique among mammals.
- Patagonian Maras are among the few rodents that are monogamous. They can run at speeds of up to 45 km/h to escape predators and often use communal bu...

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