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Animal Fact Sheet

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Patagonian Mara

Dolichotis patagonum

Dolichotis patagonum is a rodent that has converged on the body plan of a small ungulate. It is a cavy, closely related to the guinea pig, but it stands long-legged, runs at up to 45 km/h, stots like…

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.
- The pairing is so tight that a male will place himself between his mate and any threat and will not desert her even to feed, effectively trading his …

What I learned

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