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Animal Fact Sheet

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Serval

Leptailurus serval

The serval has the largest ears, relative to head size, of any cat, and they are not decorative — they are the hunting instrument. It hunts in tall grass where it usually cannot see its prey at all, …

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Felidae
Habitat: Savanna
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-12 years in the wild, up to 20 years in captivity
Weight: 8–18 kg (18–40 lbs)
Scientific name: Leptailurus serval

Did you know?

- A serval can jump up to 3 meters high from a standstill to catch prey in midair.
- It has the largest ears relative to its head of any cat, and hunts by sound — locating rodents it cannot see beneath tall grass. It then pounces in a…

What I learned

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