

Iberian lynx

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Iberian Lynx Latest News

Recently, a photographer in Spain spotted the world's first-ever white Iberian lynx.

About Iberian Lynx

- It is a **carnivore** species **endemic to Europe**.
- **Appearance:** It is the world's most endangered and known for its **pointy ears**, long legs and leopard-like spotted fur.
- This species, like other cat species, is **sexually dimorphic**, with males being heavier and longer than females.
- This lynx is **generally nocturnal** and its activity patterns are closely synchronized with those of their major prey, the rabbit.
- **Habitat:** It requires variable terrain below 1300 m, containing a mosaic of closed **Mediterranean scrubland interspersed** with open patches of grassland, often with marsh ecotones.

- **Distribution:** Iberian lynx are found only in two small areas of **southwest Spain** on the Iberian Peninsula, west of **the Pyrenees mountains**.
- **Threats:** These are related to human activities, such as poaching and habitat destruction, Illegal Hunting and decreased food base etc.

Conservation Status of Iberian Lynx

- **IUCN Red list:** Vulnerable
- **CITES:** Appendix II

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