

Asian Golden Cat

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About Asiatic Golden Cat:

- It is a medium sized cat with relatively long legs.
- **Other names:** They are known as the “**fire cat**” in Thailand and Burma, and as the “**rock cat**” in parts of China.
- **Appearance:** Their fur ranges in color from cinnamon to various shades of brown, and also gray and black (melanistic).
- They are solitary and territorial. Once considered nocturnal, a radio-tracking study showed them to be **diurnal and crepuscular**.
- These are **polygynous** (mating with multiple females) with **no breeding season**.

- **Habitat:** This cat is known to occur across a wide range of habitats, including dry **deciduous forests**, **subtropical evergreen forests**, tropical rainforests, temperate and sub-alpine forests, and at elevations ranging from 0 m to 3,738 m.
 - **Distribution:** The species occurs in **Southeast Asia**, from Nepal and Tibet to Southern China, Sumatra and India.
 - **Conservation Status:**
 - **IUCN:** Near threatened
 - **CITES:** Appendix I
 - **Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972:** Schedule 1
 - **Threats:** Habitat destruction that follows deforestation, as well as a decreasing number of ungulate prey. Another major threat is the illegal wildlife trade.
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Q1: What are Deciduous Forests?

A deciduous forest is a biome dominated by deciduous trees which lose their leaves seasonally. The Earth has temperate deciduous forests, and tropical and subtropical deciduous forests, also known as dry forests.

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