

Caracal

Fact Sheet

UNIQUE FACTS

Widespread in Africa

Black tufted ears

Powerful leaps to catch birds

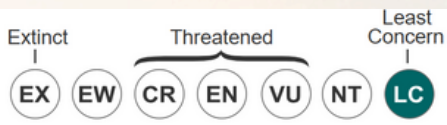
NAMES and STATUS

Common Names

Caracal, Lynx,
Caracal Cat

IUCN Red List Status

LC Least Concern



SIZE

Weight

Males: 7.2 to 26 kg

Females: 6.2 to 15.9 kg

Head + Body Length

Males: 62 to 108 cm

Females: 61 to 103 cm

Tail Length

18 to 34 cm

IDENTIFICATION

Appearance

Size similar to
medium-sized dog

Hindquarters higher than
forequarters

Coat

Body - plain, reddish,
underparts off white

Tail - unmarked, short

Head

Black & white facial markings

Ears - black, large, pointed,
long tufts

LIFE CYCLE

Gestation

68 - 81 days

Litter Size

2 - 3 kittens (max 6)

Sub-Adult

9 - 10 months

Maturity

12 - 16 mths
male & female

Lifespan

12 yrs wild
19 yrs captivity

DISTRIBUTION



Range

Africa, Middle East into
South West Asia

Habitat

Most habitats except for
true desert and tropical
rainforests



DIET / PREY

By Weight

Mammals

(up tp 40kg antelope)

Birds

Reptiles

Invertebrates

Hunting Success Rate

10 - 20%

BEHAVIOUR

Activity

Solitary

Mostly nocturnal

Territorial

Avg Range Size

Females 3.9 - 67 km²

Males 5.1 - 440 km²

Density 15 cats / 100 km²

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Class: Mammalia

Order: Carnivora

Suborder: Feliformia

Family: **Felidae**

Subfamily: Felinae

Genus: *Caracal*

Species: ***Caracal caracal***

Subspecies:

C. c. caracal

C. c. nubicus

C. c. schmitzi

