



MARSH RABBIT



QUICK FACTS

Scientific Name: *Sylvilagus palustris*

Population: Stable

Lifespan: 1-4 years (wild)

Size: 0.35-0.45 m long (1.1-1.5 ft)

Weight: 1-2 kg (2.2-4.4 lb)

Speed: Up to 30 km/h (19 mph)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Color:** Dark brown
- **Sensory Adaptations:** Keen hearing, smell
- **Limb & Tail Functionality:** Strong legs, short tail

FUN FACT !

Swims well

IUCN Red list category
Least Concern

HABITAT & DISTRIBUTION



Range: Southeastern U.S.

Preferred Habitat: Marshes, swamps

Elevation Range: 0-100 m (0-328 ft)





DIET & NUTRITION

Primary Diet: Grasses, sedges, bark
Foraging Method: Grazes near water
Adaptations: Swimming, dark fur



UNIQUE ADAPTATIONS

Swimming: Escapes predators
Dark Fur: Camouflage in mud

Survival Score:
Strength: 2/10
Stealth: 6/10
Adaptability: 7/10

REPRODUCTION & LIFE CYCLE



Mating Season: Year-round
Gestation: 30-37 days
Clutch Size: 2-4 kits
Parental Care: Mother raises kits



ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

Role: Prey, vegetation control
Indicator Species: Signals wetland health
Cultural Significance: Local wildlife

THREATS

Habitat loss, predation



CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Wetland protection



Call to Action: Protect marshes, reduce development, spread awareness

INTERESTING FACTS

Swims to escape

Nests in hollows

Active at dawn/dusk

