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Geographical range

Amazing Species: Riverine Rabbit

The **Riverine Rabbit**, *Bunolagus monticularis*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Found only in riparian vegetation in the Karoo region of South Africa, the Riverine Rabbit is one of the rarest and most threatened lagomorphs on earth.

The remaining wild population of the Riverine Rabbit consists of fewer than 500 individuals, and its decline in the Karoo region has been attributed to the habitat degradation caused by ploughing of the vegetation by farmers and by the building of dams. This species is also under threat from poor land use practices, such as unsustainable livestock grazing and the indiscriminate use of gin traps and hunting dogs.

The Riverine Rabbit cannot be bred in captivity, however, the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Riverine Rabbit Programme currently includes the following projects: the Habitat Rehabilitation Project aims to restore habitat while simultaneously providing socio-economic opportunities to local communities; the Land Stewardship Project aims to develop sustainable land use in the rabbit's habitat; and the Research and Demography Project facilitates improved demographic monitoring and much-needed ecological studies on this species.

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