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Iberian Lynx

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World's First White Iberian Lynx Spotted in Spain

About Iberian Lynx (*Lynx pardinus*)

IUCN Red List Status: Vulnerable

IUCN Green Status: Largely Depleted

CITES Listing: Appendix I

Habitat: Prefers a mosaic of dense scrublands for shelter interspersed with open grasslands or pastures for hunting.

Diet & Ecology: The presence of rabbits is a key determinant of Iberian lynx habitat suitability, as rabbits form its primary prey base.

Behavior: Mostly crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk) and nocturnal, though may occasionally be active during the day.

Major Threats:

- Decline in rabbit populations due to disease and habitat alteration
- Habitat loss and fragmentation
- Disease transmission
- Low genetic diversity
- Poaching and accidental trapping

This rare white individual marks a significant and unusual observation in the ongoing conservation success story of the Iberian lynx, once considered the world's most endangered cat species.

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