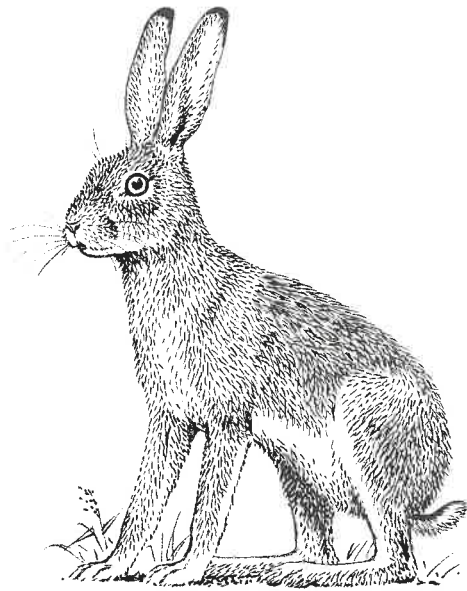


Lepus granatensis ROSENHAUER, 1856



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Originally described as a species, it has been considered for decades as a form of *Lepus capensis*. It is now recognized as a valid species on the basis of morphological and genetic traits.

Distribution

Endemic to the Iberian-Balearic area. Its range includes most of the Iberian Peninsula (excluding the north-east and north centre), and Mallorca (Balearic Islands). Formerly on Ibiza (Balearic Islands), now extinct. Introduced to southern France and Corsica in recent decades, but no proof of established populations (R. Péroux, in litt.).

Geographic variation

Three subspecies, including the nominate subspecies, are recognized: *L. granatensis gallaecius* Miller, 1907 from Galicia and Asturias (north-west Spain), *L. g. granatensis* from the remainder of the Iberian Peninsula, and *L. g. solisi* Palacios and Fernandez, 1992 from Mallorca.

Habitat

The species occurs in a variety of habitats, from humid mountain forests (north-west of its range) to dry culture lands (central Spain) or dunes (Mediterranean coastal areas). In Mallorca, it appears in dry crops and thickets. It can be found from sea level to 1900m.

Iberian hare

AL	-	LT	-
BG	-	LW	Ibereschen Hues
CZ	Zajíc iberský	LV	-
DE	Andalusischer Hase	MK	-
DK	-	MT	-
EE	-	NL	-
ES	Liebre ibérica	NO	-
FI	Andalusianrusakko	PL	Zajac iberyjski
FO	-	PT	Lebre-iberica
FR	Lièvre ibérique	RO	-
GR	-	RU	-
HR	Iberski zec	SE	-
HU	Andalúziai nyúl	SI	Iberijski zajec
IR	-	SK	-
IS	-	TR	-
IT	Lepre iberica	YU	-

Population status

Common in much of its range, and locally abundant in central and southern Spain. Extremely rare or extinct in western Galicia and western Asturias, as well as north to the Ebro river. Rare on Mallorca, extinct in the western mountains.

International legal & conservation status

Bern Convention, Appendix III (as part of *L. capensis sensu lato*).

Other information

Game species.

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