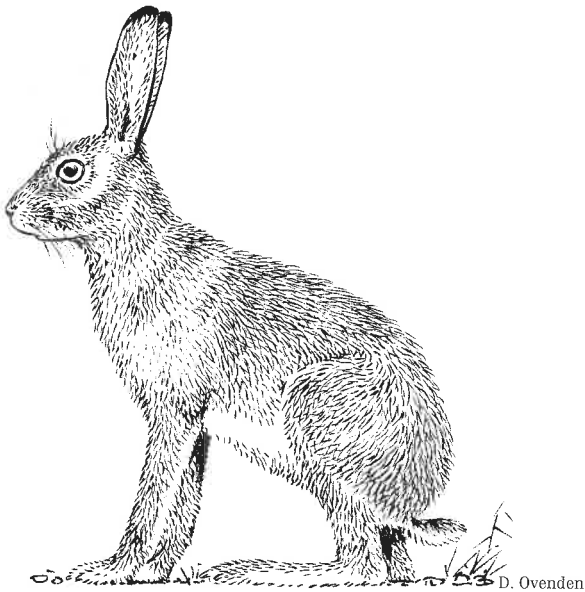


Lepus castroviejoi PALACIOS, 1977



Broom hare

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Distribution

Endemic to the Iberian Peninsula. It occurs in the highlands of the Cantabrian Mountains (northern Spain), on a narrow fringe 230 km long by 25–40 km wide.

Geographic variation

A monotypic species.

Habitat

Lives mainly in mountain broom and heathlands, between 1000 and 1900 m. Also found in clearings of mixed deciduous forest.

Population status

Relatively abundant within its restricted range, except in the east. Present status unknown, apparently suffering a decline.

International legal & conservation status

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

IUCN Red List, Vulnerable.

Other information

Game species. Potential overhunting in the eastern part of its range. It needs protection due to its restricted range.

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