

Pampas Cat

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Oncifelis colocolo

Pampas cats are small cats — about the size of a large domestic cat — native to the Pampas region in South America. They also inhabit much of Central and southern South America, living in grasslands and forests. Their fur ranges in color from white to gray or brown, often with brown or black stripes and spots.

Little is known about Pampas cats, but it is believed that they are nocturnal hunters that prey on small mammals and birds. Pampas cat litters usually contain two to three kittens and their breeding season is believed to be from April to July. They can live up to 16 years in captivity.

Habitat loss is the Pampas cat's biggest threat. The IUCN currently lists the Pampas cat as near threatened.

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