

Rusty-Spotted Cat

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Prionailurus rubiginosus

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Many experts consider this cat to be the smallest cat species in the world, weighing between 2.4 and 3.5 pounds. The rusty-spotted cat has a coat that is short and gray, and its tail makes up 50 percent of its body length. It lives mostly in India and Sri Lanka. The rusty-spotted cat lives in forests, grasslands and rocky areas.

The rusty-spotted cat has a reputation for being very ferocious and has been known to attack much larger prey. It can climb trees quickly and has amazing agility though it lives mainly on the ground. The rusty-spotted cat is mostly nocturnal but is active during some of the day. It eats insects, frogs, birds and chickens. Deforestation and the spread of cultivation are serious threats to this cat along with hunting.

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