

Learn about Caracals!

Caracals are cats that are native to Africa, the Middle East, and India. They have adaptations that help them survive in dry savannas, woodlands, and mountains. They are the largest of the “small cats” that live in Africa. Despite their large size they are very secretive and not much is known about them.

Nocturnal Hunters

Caracals are carnivores, they need to eat meat to survive. They are nocturnal, or active at night. They are not picky hunters and will eat rodents, antelope like Dik-dik and even larger animals like Impala! They can even leap 10 feet in the air to catch flying birds!



The Little Rock Zoo supports the Caracal Species Survival Plan, which helps to protect this amazing species in zoos and the wild!

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

Caracal Conservation:

Urban Caracal Project: <http://www.urbanacaracal.org/what-we-do>

The Caracal Project: <https://www.conservationcatalyst.com/the-caracal-project>

Other:

Wild Cat Conservation: <https://wildcatconservation.org/wild-cats/africa/caracal/>

Smithsonian National Zoo: <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/caracal-lynx>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4e6PsA6mml>

San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/caracal>

Caracal Ears!

Caracals have amazing ears with long ear tassels.

We don't really know why Caracals have ear tassels, but we do know that they use them to communicate! Decorate and cut out your own set of Caracal Ears.

Then ask an adult to help you make a paper headband and use the tab to glue your horns and ears to it. Show off your amazing Caracal ears!

Share how much you love Caracals!

Ask an adult to help you take a picture wearing your Caracal Ears!

Ask an adult to post the photo, remember to tag the Little Rock Zoo and use the hashtags:

#LRZoo

#ImissMyzoo

