



**Tres Marias Cottontail** (*Sylvilagus graysoni*)

**Size:** Body length, 43.5 - 48 cm; tail, 3.2 - 5 cm **Weight:** Unknown **Habitat:** Endemic to four islands off Central Mexico **Surviving number:** Unknown; populations declining



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Fearless. Living literally “away from it all” on four islands, the Tres Marias cottontail has lost its fear of predators and humans. The unwary rabbit forages at night and stays under bushes and cacti during the day, but when startled out of cover it simply moves to an open spot, which allows people to approach and pick it up. It is also relatively easy pickings for falcons, raccoons

and non-native cats and rats. Authorities have established reserves for its protection, but habitat loss and the persistence of hunting remain frightening threats.

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