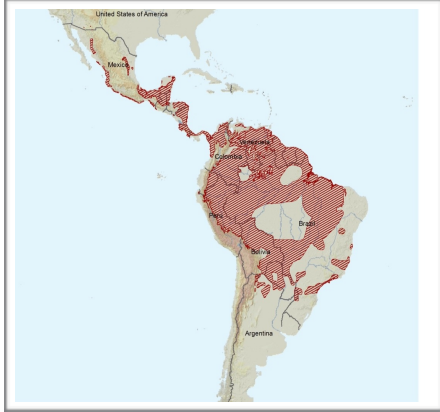


# Jaguar

## *Panthera onca*



Order: Carnivora Family: Felidae

Range: Mexico to Argentina  
Size: : 150-240 cm (60-96 in)  
: 120-150 cm (36-48in)  
Weight: 56-121kg(123-262lb)  
: 36-100kg (79-220lb)  
Tail: 73 1cm  
Habitat: Scrub to rainforest  
Estrus cycle: 37 days  
Estrus length: 6-17 days  
Gestation: 90-110 days  
Litter: 2  
Weaning : 4 months  
Sexual maturity: 24-36 months  
Social: solitary  
Circadian: crepuscular  
Food: medium sized  
ungulates  
IUCN: Near Threatened  
Subspecies: 9 disputed  
Longevity: captive 28 years  
Wild: 20 years

The jaguar is the largest cat in the Western Hemisphere. It is the top predator taking prey as large as the 100 pound capybara. The jaguar usually hunts by ambush, waiting on a low-lying limb and pouncing on passing prey. Unusual for a large cat jaguars will also take prey from the water including fish, small crocodiles and large turtles.