

## **Facts About Jack Rabbits**

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Jack rabbits are not the same as bunny rabbits. In fact, jack rabbits are hares and not rabbits.

When bunny rabbits are born, they are blind, helpless, and naked, without fur. Their moms hide them at the bottom of nests and protect them while they develop.

When jack rabbits are born, their moms do not have to hide them in a nest. Jack rabbits are born with fur and with eyes that can open. Not long after being born, jack rabbits begin to jump and hop.

You will find jack rabbits in Mexico, the United States, and Canada. Jack rabbits like dry, arid climates. In the U.S., they live in the states in the West, such as California, Texas, Arizona, and Nevada.

Jack rabbits live in grasslands or shrublands, and they live on a diet of plants, twigs, and brush. They do not have to find a lake or water hole to drink from because they get the water they require from the plants they consume.

Jack rabbits travel as fast as 40 miles per hour and make big zigzag jumps. This method of hopping helps them to escape from the many animals who hunt them, including bobcats, foxes, and snakes.

How will you know if you have seen a jack rabbit?

Compared with a bunny, a jack rabbit is big (about 24 inches) and has long ears. Also, jack rabbits make long hops. They can jump 5 to 10 feet, and even 20 feet when scared.