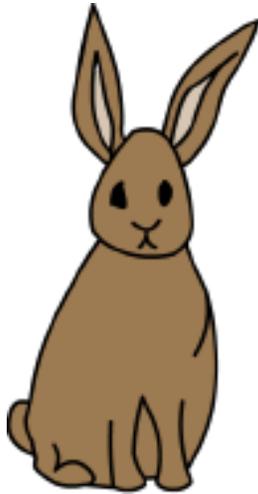


## European Hare Profile



Hi there! I'm a European Hare named Clancy. I look kind of like a rabbit only my brown furry body is longer, bigger and I hop much faster. My long black-tipped ears help me hear predators nearby. My tail is also black but the underside is white. When I'm fully-grown I weigh as much a newborn human baby- 3 to 4 kg.

The European Hare lives all over the world. We can be found in wide-open grassy lands in many parts of Continental Europe, Canada, the United States, parts of South America and Australia. I am a nocturnal mammal, which means that I'm active at nighttime and sleep during the daytime.

I only like to eat grass, herbs, tree bark and shoots so that makes me an herbivore. Sometimes I sneak onto a farm to eat the farmer's crop and he gets quite angry about that. Humans think of us as pests because we eat their crop or they try to hunt us because we are game animals. Because of this, I'm worried about the shrinking populations of European Hares.

I use my powerful hind legs to run away when he chases after me or tries to shoot me with gun! When I'm really in trouble, I can dive into a stream

## European Hare Family Tree

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Chordata  
Subphylum: Vertebrata  
Class: Mammalia  
Order: Lagomorpha  
Family: Leporidae  
Genus: Lepus  
Species: Lepus europaeus

or river and swim to safety. I'm always on the lookout for predators besides humans. The fox, coyote, hawk, and owl try to hunt me for their dinner but my superb sense of sight, smell and vision help me detect them and I run away.

Baby hares are called leverets and a mother hare gives birth to about 9 leverets each year. When I was a tiny leveret my mom scattered my brothers and sisters in different grassy patches during the day to protect us from predators and then found each one of us at night so she could feed us. Pretty smart, don't you think?

I like to spend my time hopping around by myself but when it's time for me to find a mate, I will attract her by 'boxing' with her. We both stand on our hind legs and punch each other until she gets tired. Humans find this activity funny.