

An Ocelot's Fact File



Type of Animal:

- Mammal
 Bird
 Fish
 Reptile
 Amphibian
 Insect
 Spider

Where does this animal live?

Ocelots live in every country in South America except Chile. They are also found in the USA, Mexico, Central America, Arizona and Texas.

How big is this animal and what does it look like?

Ocelots are twice the size of an average house cat. The kittens are born with their spots but grey fur and blue eyes that turn golden-brown when they are 3 months old.

What does this animal eat?

Ocelots use their sharp senses to hunt rabbits, rodents, iguanas, fish, frogs, monkeys and birds. Ocelots shred their food instead of chewing it. Ocelots are prey for hawks, eagles, Pumas, Jaguars and anacondas.

Interesting facts about this animal:

Females are called queens, males toms. A group is a clutter or a clowder. Ocelots tongue can clean a bone. Ocelot families usually includes a man and 1 or 2 young. Ocelots coats provides camouflage in an ocelot habitat. They stay hidden until ready to pounce. Ocelots are nocturnal. Ocelots often climb onto trees to sleep. Ocelots live with their man until they are 1 year old then they leave to find their own territory. An Ocelot's scientific name is leopardus pardalis. Ocelots live 10-13 years in the wild and up to 20 years in captivity.

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