




Differences between Hares, Rabbits and Cottontails

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Common Hare <i>Lepus europaeus</i>	Rabbit <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Cottontail <i>Sylvilagus sp.</i>
<p>Big and slender animal. It likes to run in open fields, where it can sometimes be observed.</p>  <p>http://members.lycos.co.uk/migeal/ake2/web2/13oct/13oct.htm</p> <p>The ears are long, longer than the head. Hares have a solitary life, except in spring when they start looking for a partner, in order to reproduce.</p> <p>Makes a nest in a field, where offspring is born raised.</p> <p>Newborn hares are furry, born with open eyes and can hear.</p> <p>Gestation lasts 42 days</p> <p>Offspring: 1 and 4</p> <p># of chromosomes : 46</p>	<p>Smaller but muscular animal, who likes to jump and run. It digs burrow in bushy regions, preferably where the soil is soft and sandy.</p>  <p>http://www.fishing-in-wales.com/wildlife/mammals/rabbit.htm</p> <p>The ears are shorter than the head. The rabbits lives in colonies</p> <p>Digs a complex burrow, in order to hid from enemies and raise the offspring.</p> <p>Newborn rabbits are naked, deaf and blind.</p> <p>Gestation lasts 31 days</p> <p>Offspring: 4 to 6.</p> <p># of chromosomes : 44</p>	<p>Small animal with brownish-grey body, long ears and tufty tail that resembles a cotton ball, seen in open grass field, bordered with bushes.</p>  <p>http://museum.nhm.uga.edu/gawilife/mammals/lagomorpha/Lepori</p> <p>Offspring: 2 to 7</p> <p># of chromosomes : 42</p>

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