

Hispid Hare

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- The hispid hare is also called Assam rabbit and bristly rabbit.
- It is a **native to South Asia**, whose historic range extends along the **southern foothills of the Himalayas**.
- For the first time in two decades, it was spotted in Jaldapara National Park in West Bengal, in 2020.
- The animal is now **restricted mainly to Assam and Jaldapara, Bangladesh, Nepal and possibly Bhutan**.
- World population of the species is said to be below 300 individuals.
- IUCN Conservation status- **Endangered**.
- Populations have experienced a continuing decline in suitable habitat due to increasing agriculture, flood control, and human development.
- The species **inhabits tracts of early successional tall grasslands** and takes refuge in **marshy areas** or grasses adjacent to river banks during the dry season.