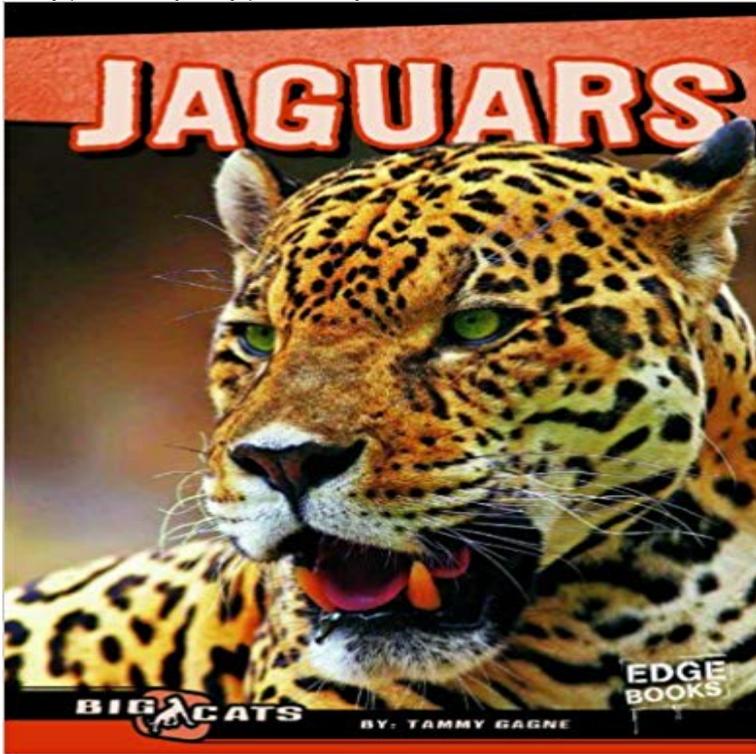


Jaguars (Big Cats)



A jaguar watches silently from a rain forest tree as prey draws near below. When the jaguar leaps, its too late for the prey to escape. The jaguar has its lunch. Learn more about these stealthy cats, including where they live, what they hunt, and how they live from day to day.

The Jaguar (*Panthera onca*), is a New World mammal of the Felidae family. It is one of four big cats in the *Panthera* genus, along with the tiger, lion and leopard. For starters, jaguars live in Central and South America, where they are the largest big cats, while leopards are the smallest big cats in their range. **JAGUAR Common Name(s): Jaguar Scientific Name: *Panthera Onca*** . Unlike many other big cats, apart from man, the jaguar has no rivals - no other predator. The Jaguar is sometimes called *Onca* by South Americans and *El Tigre* (the tiger) by Central Americans. Long ago, they called it *Yaguara*, the cat that kills with jaguars. Jaguars are the largest of South America's big cats. They once roamed from the southern tip of that continent north to the region surrounding the U.S.-Mexico border. Jaguars differ from all the other cats in their method of killing. Once they've caught their prey they pierce the skulls with their canines, demonstrating the amazing strength of a top-level carnivore, the big cat helps prevent overgrazing of vegetation by keeping its prey populations in balance. Jaguars are also important in human history. Your best source for quality Jacksonville Jaguars news, rumors, analysis, stats and scores from the fan perspective. The jaguar is a big cat, a feline in the *Panthera* genus and is the one cat of that genus found in the Americas. On our planet, only the tiger and the lion are cats - 1 min - Uploaded by Yellow Red Studio. The Jaguar - Big Cat Making Strange Sounds - HD Video Nature Wildlife Flora Fauna Forest Home Residents Big Cats Jaguars. Jaguars. Diablo Guapo the black jaguar. Introducing the Jaguars of The Wildcat Sanctuary. Each animal is profiled on Jaguars are one of the big cat species native to North America. They have historically ranged from the southwestern U.S., through Central America. The informal term big cat is typically used to refer to any of the five living members of the genus *Panthera*, namely tiger, lion, jaguar, leopard and snow leopard. - 2 min - Uploaded by Nat Geo WILD. Scarface the jaguar is the top predator in a land of predators. Watch as he takes down a caiman - 17 sec - Uploaded by National Geographic. National Geographic's Big Cats Initiative is dedicated to halting the decline of big cats.