

mammals *of the* rainforest

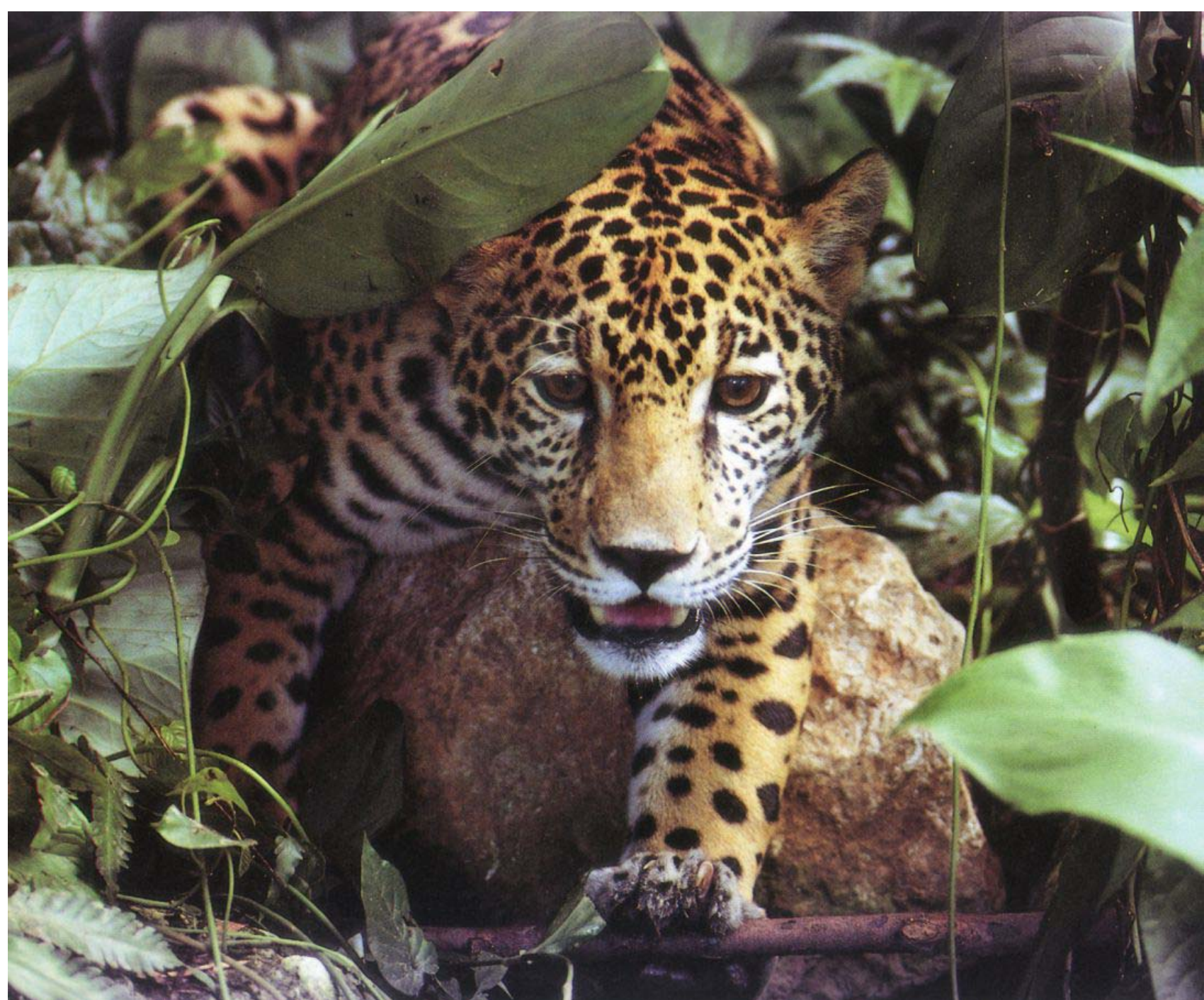


The JAGUAR (*Panthera onca*) is a very large cat built for power. It has a large head and short, strong legs for catching prey. It is at the top of the food chain; its only predator is people. The Jaguar is found throughout much of México and South America.

This solitary animal's roar can be heard for several hundred meters. Jaguars hunt large mammals such as capybara and deer, as well as reptiles such as turtles, caimans, and snakes.



Jaguars typically give birth to 2–4 cubs, which will stay with the mother for up to two years. For this reason, females do not mate in consecutive years. Only laws restricting hunting and export of furs have helped keep this endangered species from becoming extinct.



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