

Microhabitat use by European rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) in central Chile: Are adult and juvenile patterns the same?

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Abstract

Rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) have been recently introduced to central Chile; adult rabbits have been previously reported to exhibit a release in their use of microhabitats due to lack of effective predation upon them. This paper shows that kittens and juvenile rabbits do not exhibit the same microhabitat use pattern as adults, in spite of the very low predation pressure upon them. These results suggest that small rabbits are ecologically comparable to native rodents.

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