

RABBITS

The Latin name for the rabbit is *Oryctolagus cuniculus*.

Rabbits originally came from mainland Europe, but today they are found all over the world. They are small mammals, up to 45cm in length, with a short tail and long pointed ears, which grow up to 7cm long. They live colonially in burrows in the ground, each of which usually consists of a single family. Sometimes burrows appear in a group that is known as a warren.

They breed mainly from January to June and usually have 4 to 6 young per litter, which mature at about 3 months.

They feed on a wide range of grasses and herbage.