

AZARA'S AGOUTI

DISTRIBUTION



The population is believed have gone locally extinct in some areas due to hunting. They are heavily preyed upon by many carnivorous species, including humans.

It has powerful front teeth to break into hard nut shells such as that of the Brazil nut.

Pairs of agouti are usually monogamous and females give birth to 1 to 3 young.



Dasyprocta azarae



Agouti have the ability to stand up on their hind legs to keep a look out and reach food in higher branches.

Sometimes known as "jungle gardeners", as they often bury nuts and seeds and forget where they put them, therefore helping new plants to grow.

FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina
Habitat	Rainforests and savannahs
Diet	seeds, nuts, fallen fruit and other plant material
Average body length	45-55cm
Average weight	3kg
Gestation	104-120 days
Maximum lifespan	10-12 years

Azara's agouti are currently described as "*Data Deficient*". They are thought to be at risk in the wild but there is not enough scientific information available at the moment to classify them properly.