**Basic Information: Hares and rabbits**

**Names: Savannah hare, scrub hare, cape hare, riverine rabbit, red rock rabbits**

**Identification pointers:** small size; upright stance when sitting; soft, brown-grey fur; small, tufty tail; **Hares:** Long ears, long hind legs; **Rabbits:** smaller ears, shorter legs.

**Can be confused with:** Each other, spring hare

**Activity period:** Nocturnal

**Length:** 45-65cm **Height:** 30-35m **Weight:** 1.4-4kg

**Gestation period:** ±1.5 months

**Lifespan:** ±6-7 years

**Diet:** Mainly grass but will occasionally eat leaves.

**Predators:** Most carnivores larger than an African wildcat, large owls and snakes

**Preferred habitat:** A variety of habitats from dry scrubland for the Cape hare, woodland and grassland for the scrub hare, rocky outcrops for red rock rabbits and dense riverine habitat for the riverine rabbit.

**Red List status:** Least Concern but Critically Endangered for the riverine rabbit

**Population:** Decreasing

**Threats:** Habitat fragmentation is the major threat to these animals. They are also hunted for their meat or for sport, and many are killed in collisions with cars.