



## JAGUARS

**T**hese fearsome predators are the strongest of all felines and the undisputed kings of their many domains. Reaching lengths of 6 feet and weighing little more than 200 pounds, they are not the biggest cats, but their ability to rapidly bring down large prey is second to none. They are ambush masters, and given the element of surprise, a single jaguar can hunt down a creature as large as an adult bull. A jaguar that ambuses a group of travelers can easily crush the life out of the frailest member of their party and drag the fresh kill away before the rest of the group even has the chance to react.

**Sovereign of Many Domains.** Most creatures are adapted for a specific type of terrain where they are able to perform optimally. Jaguars know no such limitations and are the apex predators of the many environments they are capable of traversing. In their jungle homes, they will stalk the terrestrial undergrowth for tapirs, swim through rivers to hunt caiman, and climb through trees looking for their next, unfortunate meal. They are even comfortable leaving the jungle for open terrain, where they will hunt large cattle with impunity. A wandering jaguar can easily become the bane of a humanoid settlement, hunting its livestock and terrorizing its inhabitants.

### JAGUAR

Medium beast, unaligned

**Armor Class** 14

**Hit Points** 28 (5d8+3)

**Speed** 40 ft., climb 30 ft., swim 20 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
17 (+3)	16 (+3)	13 (+1)	4 (-3)	14 (+2)	9 (-1)

**Skills** Perception +4 Stealth +5

**Senses** darkvision 60 ft. passive Perception 14

**Challenge** 2 (450 XP)

**Proficiency Bonus** +2

**Keen Sight.** The jaguar has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on sight.

**Ambusher.** The jaguar has advantage on attack rolls against any creature it has surprised.

**Surprise Attack.** If the jaguar surprises a creature and hits it with an bite attack during the first round of combat, the target takes an extra 9 (2d8) damage from the attack.

### Actions

**Multiaction** The jaguar makes two attacks: one with its bite and one with its claws.

**Bite.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 12 (2d8 + 3) piercing damage.

**Claw.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 6 (1d6 + 3) slashing damage.

**Bone Crushers.** While tigers are the largest felines, the bite force of a jaguar far surpasses that of a tiger and is capable of crushing bone. Whereas most cats attack the neck to crush the throat and asphyxiate their prey, jaguars simply bite through the spinal column or even the skull of their victims. Very little can withstand the crushing bite of a jaguar, and they are even capable of shattering large turtle shells within their jaws.

**Giant Jaguars.** These primeval beasts are the larger ancestors of modern jaguars. Adapted to hunting megafauna, giant jaguars stalk environments where their large prey is plentiful. They count even the largest and most fearsome of beasts as their prey, and most humanoids they find are little more than helpless snacks.

**Sacred Predators.** Cultures that develop in or near the jaguar's domain often come to revere and associate them with one or more of their gods. Druids and other powerful beings living near jaguars will also call upon them as powerful guardians. In both cases, should intruders offend the local deities or druids, jaguars, or even giant jaguars, may be called to mete out divine punishment to the offenders.

## PANTHERS

Some jaguars are born with black coats. Referred to as panthers, these cats are more suited to sneaking through darker environments. You can represent this by giving them advantage on stealth checks in low light and darkness, but disadvantage on stealth checks in bright light.

## ART CREDIT

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# GIANT JAGUAR

*Large beast, unaligned*

**Armor Class** 14

**Hit Points** 75 (10d10+20)

**Speed** 40 ft., climb 30 ft., swim 20 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
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18 (+4)	16 (+3)	15 (+2)	4 (-3)	14 (+2)	9 (-1)
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**Skills** Perception +4 Stealth +5

**Senses** darkvision 60 ft. passive Perception 14

**Challenge** 3 (700 XP)      **Proficiency Bonus** +2

**Keen Sight.** The jaguar has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on sight.

**Ambusher.** The jaguar has advantage on attack rolls against any creature it has surprised.

**Surprise Attack.** If the jaguar surprises a creature and hits it with a bite attack during the first round of combat, the target takes an extra 13 (3d8) damage from the attack.

## Actions

**Multiaction** The jaguar makes two attacks: one with its bite and one with its claws.

**Bite.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 17 (3d8 + 4) piercing damage.

**Claw.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 11 (2d6 + 4) slashing damage.

