

1 Thomasomys ucucha, also known as the ucucha thomasomys,[2] is a rodent in the genus  
Thomasomys of the family Cricetidae. It is known only from high altitude forest and  
grassland habitats in the Cordillera Oriental of Ecuador. Seven other species of  
Thomasomys live in the same areas. First collected in 1903, T. ucucha was formally  
described as a new species in 2003 and most closely resembles T. hylophilus, which  
occurs further to the north. The species is listed as "vulnerable" in the IUCN Red List  
due to the threat of habitat destruction.

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3 Medium-sized, dark-furred, and long-tailed, T. ucucha can be distinguished from all  
other species of Thomasomys by its large, broad, procumbent upper incisors. Head and  
body length is 94 to 119 mm (3.7 to 4.7 in) and body mass is 24 to 46 g (0.85 to 1.62  
oz). The tail is scarcely furred. The front part of the skull is flat, short, and  
broad. The incisive foramina, openings at the front of the palate, are short, and the  
palate itself is broad and smooth. The root of the lower incisor is contained in a  
prominent capsular process.