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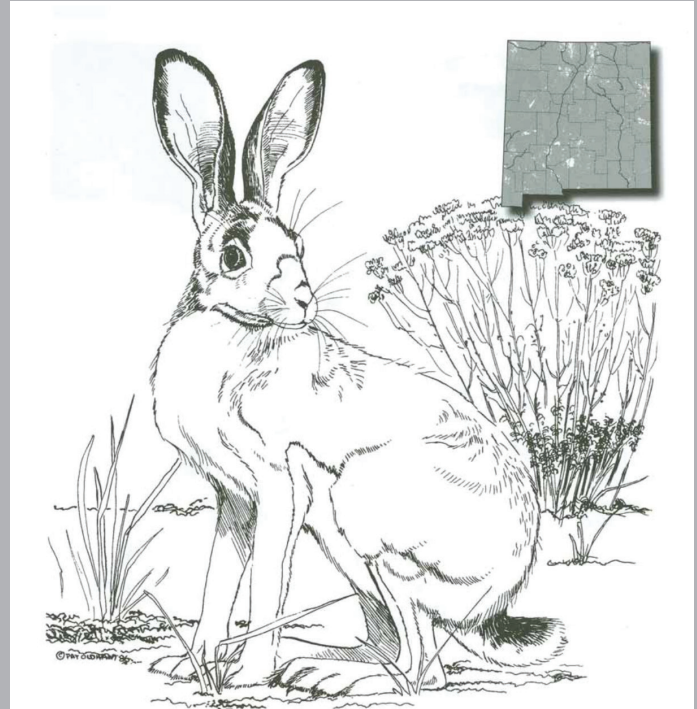
## Learning by Coloring - Black-tailed jackrabbit

### Grade level:

Pre-K to 4th

### Objective:

Learn about black-tailed jackrabbit in New Mexico by coloring the following illustration while reading about them. The black-tailed jackrabbit is common to the western United States and Mexico and can be found at elevations from sea level to 10,000 feet (3,000 m). Approximately two feet in length and weighing three to six pounds, the black-tailed jackrabbit is the third largest North American hare (after the antelope jackrabbit and the white-tailed jackrabbit). Black-tailed jackrabbits occupy mixed shrub-grassland terrains and do not migrate or hibernate during winter. They habitat one range year round, usually 0.4 to 1.2 square miles in size.



#### BLACK-TAILED JACK RABBIT

This rabbit isn't really a rabbit at all, but a hare. Hares differ from rabbits by being larger, not using a den or burrow and having young that can move about very quickly after birth. Its ears are very long, and its tail is tipped with black. In very hot weather they can send more blood flow into their ears and use that to carry heat away from their body. This hare can get most or all of its water directly from the food it eats. The black-tailed jack rabbit can jump up to 20 feet horizontally and up to 6 feet high straight up in the air! Many predators such as coyotes and bobcats feed on jackrabbits, making them an important part of the *food web*. They are fast and can run 45 miles per hour.



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