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Abstract: The approximate distribution of the cheetah is given in this article and the old taxonomy of the subspecies *Acinonyx jubatus jubatus* and *A.j.venaticus*

La distribution approximative du guépard est présentée dans cet article ainsi que l'ancienne taxonomie des sous espèces *Acinonyx jubatus jubatus* et *A.j.venaticus*.

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Subgenus *UNCIA* Gray, 1854

Panthera uncia Schreber, 1776 Ounce or Snow Leopard

Approximate distribution of species: Eastern Russian Turkestan, north to Altai Mountains (quoted by Bobrinskii from Altai (rare), Tarbagatai (?), Dzhungar Ala-Tau, Tianshan system (in parts common), Alai, Zeravshan and Hissar ranges, Pamir (more common in Western Pamir)). Tibet (eastwards to Kam, according to Bobrinskii; certainly as far as Gyantse, near Lhasa) and, according to Ognev, Altyn Tag in Chinese Turkestan. Kashmir.

PANTHERA UNCIA Schreber, 1776

1776. *Felis uncia* Schreber, Säugeth. 3: pl. 100 (1776) and text, 386, 586 (1777).
Locality unknown.

1830. *Felis irbis* Ehrenberg, Ann. Sci. Nat. 21: 394, 406. Renaming of *uncia*. Altai Mountains.

1855. *Felis uncioides* Horsfield (Hodgson MS.), Ann. Mag. N.H. 16: 105. Nepal.

Genus **ACINONYX** Brookes, 1828

1828. *Acinonyx* Brookes, Cat. Anat. Zool. Mus. J. Brookes, 16, 33. *Acinonyx venator* Brookes = *Felis venatica* H. Smith.

1830. *Cynailurus* Wagler, Nat. Syst. Amph. 30. *Felis jubata* Schreber.

1841. *Cynaëlurus* Gloger, Gemeinn. Naturgesch. 1: 63. *Pro Cynailurus* Wagler.

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Acinonyx jubatus Schreber, 1776 Cheetah

Approximate distribution of species: Southern Turkmenia (Atrek, Kopet-Dag, Tedshen and Murgab regions, rare), Persia, Arabia, Iraq and, according to Bobrinskii, Afghanistan and Baluchistan. According to Bodenheimer, Transjordan. Formerly Northern India, south of the Ganges, from Bengal to Rajputana, the Punjab and Sind; also Central India and the northern part of the Deccan; but now almost, if not quite, extinct in Hindustan (Pocock). ?Libya, Egypt, where rare (Flower, 1929). Morocco, Rio de Oro. In Tropical Africa it is less rare, and occurs from ? Northern Nigeria, the Sudan, Somaliland, south to South-West Africa, the Kruger National Park, Transvaal, and probably Swaziland and Zululand.

(ACINONYX JUBATUS JUBATUS Schreber, 1776. Extralimital)

1776. *Felis jubata* Schreber, Säugeth. 3: pl. 105 (1776), text, 392, 586 (1777). Cape of Good Hope, South Africa.

(?) 1804. *Felis guttata* Hermann, Obs. Zool. 38. ? Egypt. Status not sure.

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ACINONYX JUBATUS VENATICUS Griffith, 1821

1821. *Felis venatica* Griffith, Vert. Anim. Carnivora, 93. India.

1828. *Acinonyx venator* Brookes, Cat. Anat. & Zool. Mus. Joshua Brookes, 16, 33. India.

(?) 1913. *Acinonyx raddei* Hilzheimer, S.B. Ges. Nat. Fr. Berlin, 291. Merv, Transcaspia.

Range: Asiatic range of the species, ? North Africa and, according to Pocock, probably to Somaliland. Pocock thought *raddei* might be valid, but it is not listed in Bobrinskii.