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While they do not form a monophyletic clade, all jackals are opportunistic omnivores, predators of small to medium-sized animals and proficient scavengers. Their long legs and curved canine teeth are adapted for hunting small mammals, birds, and reptiles, and their large feet and fused leg bones give them a physique...

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Despite its name, the golden jackal is not closely related to the African black-backed jackal or side-striped jackal, which are part of the genus *Lupulella*. It is instead closer to wolves and coyotes. The ancestor of the golden jackal is believed to...

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A significantly altered version of the character was portrayed by Bruce Willis in the 1997 loosely based adaptation, having a divergent storyline and set in the U.S., with a fictional First Lady of the United States as the target of...

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Jackal (disambiguation)

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Unlike the smaller and related black-backed jackal (*Lupulella mesomelas*), which dwells in open plains, the side-striped jackal primarily dwells in woodland and scrub areas.

Black-backed jackal

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One region includes the southernmost tip of the continent, including South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. The other area is along the eastern coastline, including Kenya, Somalia, Djibouti, Eritrea, and Ethiopia. It is listed on the IUCN Red List as least concern due to its widespread range and adaptability, although it is still persecuted as a livestock predator and rabies vector.

Compared to members of the genus *Canis*, the black-backed jackal is a very ancient species, and has changed little since the Pleistocene, being the most basal wolf-like canine. It has a reddish brown to tan coat and a black saddle that extends...

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The novel received admiring reviews and praise when first published in 1971, and it received a 1972 Best Novel Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America. The novel remains popular, and in 2003 it was listed on the BBC's survey The Big Read.

The novel begins as historical fiction; as the OAS did exist and conspire to commit the act, which the book opens with, giving an accurate depiction of the attempt to assassinate de Gaulle by Jean-Marie Bastien-Thiry on 22 August 1962. The subsequent plot is fiction.

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