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Animal Fact Sheet

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Alpaca

Vicugna pacos

The alpaca is a domesticated species of South American camelid renowned for its soft and luxurious fleece, which is prized in the textile industry. Smaller than its close relative, the llama, alpacas…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Camelidae
Habitat: Mountain grasslands and high-altitude plains
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 48-84 kg
Scientific name: Vicugna pacos

Did you know?

- Alpacas have only been domesticated for about 6,000 years, making them one of the oldest domesticated livestock species in the world.
- Alpacas come in over 22 recognized natural colors, more than any other fiber-producing animal. They almost never spit at humans, reserving this behav…

What I learned

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