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Animal Fact Sheet

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Arctic Hare

Lepus arcticus

The Arctic hare is built by subtraction. Its ears are short and its limbs are compact, minimising the surface area available to leak heat — the exact inverse of the huge-eared desert jackrabbits, and…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Leporidae
Habitat: Arctic tundra
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 2.5–5.5 kg
Scientific name: Lepus arcticus

Did you know?

- Despite living in icy environments with little vegetation, Arctic Hares can dig through snow to find woody plants, mosses, and lichens to eat.
- Arctic hares are the primary winter food of the Arctic wolf and the lynx across much of their range, and hare abundance visibly drives predator numbe…

What I learned

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