

Animal Fact Sheet

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Bactrian Camel

Camelus bactrianus

The Bactrian camel is a large, even-toed ungulate native to the steppes of Central Asia. Distinguished by its two humps, it is well-adapted to harsh desert and semi-desert environments, enduring extr...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Camelidae

Habitat: Desert and semi-desert steppes

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Critically Endangered (wild), Domesticated population is not threatened

Lifespan: 40–50 years

Weight: 300–1,000 kg (660–2,200 lbs)

Scientific name: *Camelus bactrianus*

Did you know?

- Wild Bactrian camels can drink salty or brackish water, making them one of the few mammals able to survive in such harsh conditions.
- Bactrian camels can close their nostrils to keep out sand and can drink up to 57 liters of water at once after dehydration. Their humps store fat, wh...

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