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Animal Fact Sheet

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Bactrian Camel

Camelus bactrianus

The two humps of a Bactrian camel are fat, not water — a strategic decision to store the body's insulation in two lumps on the back rather than spread beneath the skin, so that the rest of the body c…

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.
- Wild Bactrian camels can drink water saltier than seawater, from slush and brackish springs that domestic camels refuse — a physiological limit no ot…

What I learned

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