

Animal Fact Sheet

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Musk Ox

Ovibos moschatus

The musk ox is a large, shaggy-coated mammal native to the Arctic tundra of North America and Greenland. Renowned for its thick, insulating fur and strong odor emitted by males during the rut, the mu...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Bovidae

Habitat: Arctic tundra

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 12-20 years

Weight: 180-410 kg

Scientific name: *Ovibos moschatus*

Did you know?

- The qiviut wool shed by musk oxen in spring is eight times warmer than sheep's wool and is highly prized for making luxury garments.
- Musk oxen have a two-layered coat, with a long outer layer and an exceptionally warm underlayer called qiviut, which is one of the warmest natural fi...

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