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Animal Fact Sheet

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Musk Ox

Ovibos moschatus

Ovibos moschatus is not an ox and does not produce musk in the sense a musk deer does; it is a goat-antelope relative in the subfamily Caprinae, closer to sheep and goats than to cattle, and the stro…

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 survived the end-Pleistocene extinctions that killed the mammoth and woolly rhino, and they once shared the mammoth steppe with both. A sin…

What I learned

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