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Animal Fact Sheet

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Rock Ptarmigan

Lagopus muta

Lagopus muta changes plumage three times a year, not twice — a white winter coat, a mottled grey-brown spring plumage, and a browner summer one — so that a bird sitting still is almost always the exa…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Phasianidae
Habitat: Arctic tundra and alpine regions
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-7 years
Weight: 400-700 g
Scientific name: Lagopus muta

Did you know?

- The Rock Ptarmigan is the official bird of Nunavut, Canada, and was featured on the Icelandic one-króna coin.
- Ptarmigan can see ultraviolet, and their white plumage is UV-reflective while snow is not always as uniform, which may mean a ptarmigan is more consp…

What I learned

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