

Animal Fact Sheet

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Takin

Budorcas taxicolor

The takin is a large, muscular ungulate native to the eastern Himalayas and mountainous forests of Bhutan, China, India, and Myanmar. Sporting a thick, shaggy golden to brown coat, it is well adapted...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Bovidae

Habitat: Mountain forests and alpine meadows

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 12-15 years

Weight: 250–350 kg (550–770 lbs)

Scientific name: *Budorcas taxicolor*

Did you know?

- The takin's appearance is so unusual that it is thought to have inspired the legend of the 'golden fleece' in Greek mythology.
- Takins have a unique, thick oily skin that protects them from rain and fog in their mountainous habitats. Their flexible ankle joints allow them to e...

What I learned
