

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Vicuña

*Vicugna vicugna*

The vicuña is a small, slender South American camelid native to the high Andean plains. Known for its extremely fine and luxurious wool, the vicuña has long, cinnamon-colored fur with white patches o...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal**Family:** Camelidae**Habitat:** High-altitude grasslands and Andean plateaus**Diet:** Herbivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 15-20 years**Weight:** 35-65 kg**Scientific name:** *Vicugna vicugna*

### Did you know?

- The vicuña is the wild ancestor of the domesticated alpaca, and both were revered and protected by the ancient Inca civilization.
- Vicuña wool is considered the finest and most expensive natural fiber in the world, with one animal producing only about 0.5 kg of wool every two to ...

### What I learned

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