

Woodland Caribou



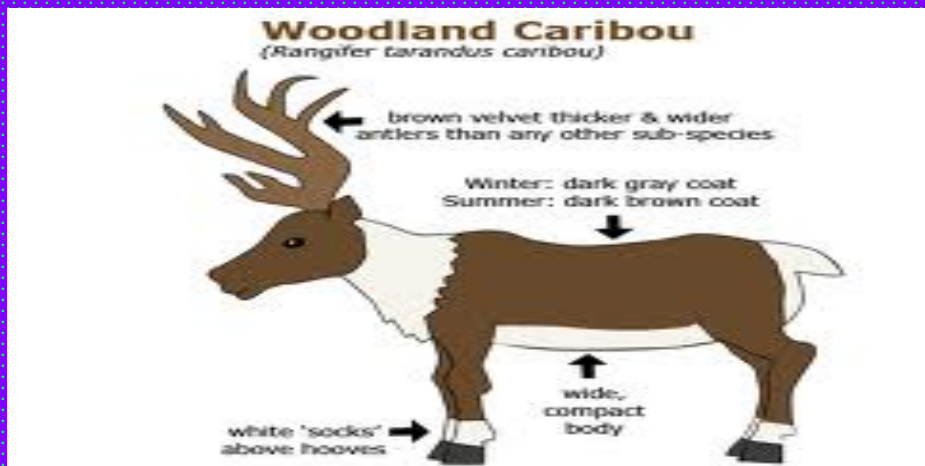
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What It Looks Like



The woodland caribou are interesting looking animal. They have a small white tail, wide muzzle, white belly and white rump. Their coat is thin and brown in the summer and turns thick and gray in the winter. The underside of the hoof is hollow which is used for digging. Because of their wide hoofs it allows them to travel through snow. They are about 4.5 feet tall and have larger antlers than females (which are also known as cows).



Habitat[★]



The Woodland Caribou usually live in a old-growth forest. Surprisingly they like the cold and don't migrate during winter. They also sometimes live near the mountains. But usually they just make their homes where their is lichen.

Forest



Lichen

What it Eats



The woodland caribou are herbivores. They only eat plants which include mosses, grasses, lichen and leaves from willow and birch trees. They also eat shrubs. Lichen is the plant which they eat the most. It is a plant which grows on trees.



Special Adaptations To The Environment



What special adaptations does the woodland caribou have to its environment? Its hooves are split like a snowshoe so it can walk through the snow better. Rivers in forests don't hold back woodland caribou, they are excellent swimmers. They have a rough pad in their mouth so they can tear their food. Also they have sharp edges around their hooves to chip away ice.



Things that might affect the survival of a Woodland Caribou



These are some things that might affect the Woodland Caribou. Building cabins in the woods and people hiking or riding through the forest may cause the woodland caribou to lose its home. Logging might also be one because the caribou need trees to survive. Drought and forest fires would also harm the trees so the caribou would also be affected.



This is the end of my report on the woodland caribou I hope you enjoyed it.



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