

Woodland



Caribou

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WHAT IT

LOOKS LIKE

The woodland caribou has a thick grey coat in the winter and in the summer it turns thin and brown. Male caribou have larger antlers than the female caribou to protect themselves and their family from predators. These creatures are about 4-5 feet, have a small white tail, a wide muzzle, and a wide belly. On top of their back is their rump, which they are born with. Just like the horse the caribou's wide hooves are hollow from the inside to help them dig.



What Special Features Does the Caribou Have to Adapt to it's Enviornment



These caribou are excellent swimmers. Because they have a rough pad in their mouth it helps them to tear their food. The caribou has no front teeth, but with the flat teeth that it does have the grind their food. To help them clip ice these animals have sharp edges on their hooves. Also their hooves are split like snowshoes to help them walk on the snow better.



Things that Might Affect the Survival of the Animal



Building cabins, hiking, or riding in the forest affect the survival of caribou. Because these caribou eat lichen forest fires might cut them low on their food. Global warming also affects the caribou. Drought and logging affects the caribou too. If people cut down the trees the caribou have fewer food. A drought would cause them to have less water.



Habitat



Woodland Caribou live in the tundra because of their love of snow. To get to their summer eating grounds from their winter eating grounds they travel 50,000 km in herds of 10,000 Caribou. During the summer they live in old-growth forests up in the mountains. These Caribou travel all the time.



What it Eats?

Ground and tree lichen are the main source that the caribou eat. These animals are herbivores. Therefore they eat only plants. Some examples are reindeer moss, berries, and mushrooms. To break down their food that they eat they have four chambers just like cows. They have a special stomach for unchewed foods.



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