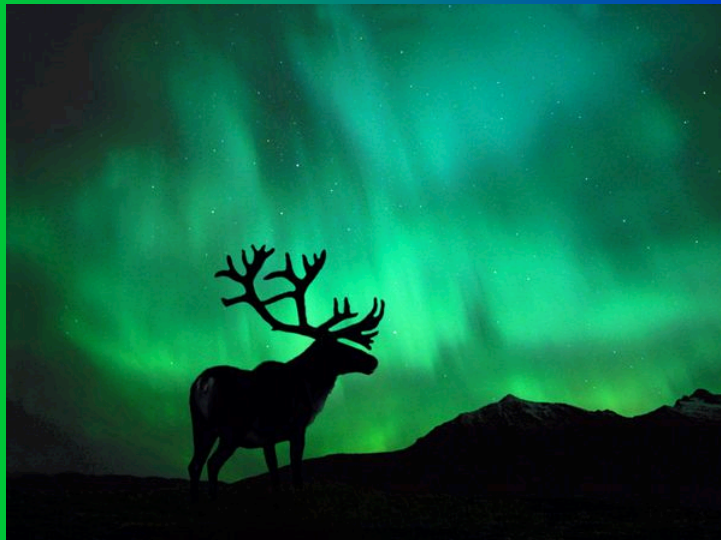


Woodland

Caribou



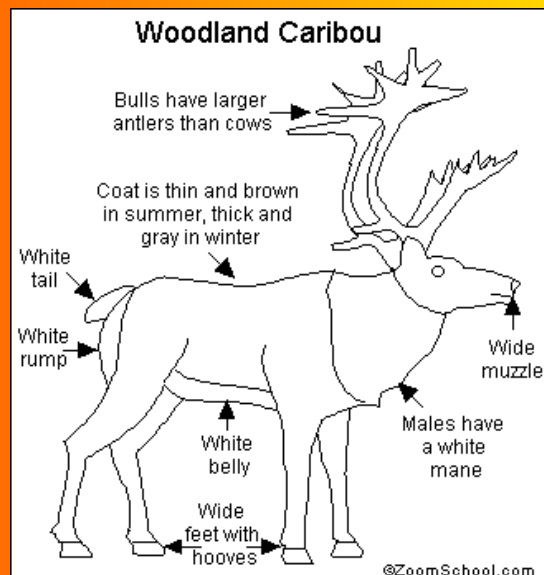
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What it Looks Like?

Do you know what the Woodland Caribou looks like?

The gorgeous animal called the Woodland Caribou's coat is thin, brown in the summer and thick, grey in the winter. With a small white tail and wide muzzle the caribou is very beautiful. These animals have a wide belly therefore their appearance is unnerving to smaller animals, but they are actually very nice. A male has a larger rump and antlers than a female. They also have wider hooves. Take a look at the picture below.



Habitat

The Canadian forests is home to the Woodland Caribou. These strange animals love the cold. Surprisingly they like the old-growth forests where the lichen is not so rare. Living close to the mountains the caribou love to go through the deepest part of the snow. They travel in about herds of 100 000. Strangely these mammals never make a home. Their winter feeding ground is about 5000 kilometers from their summer feeding ground.



What it Eats?

The Woodland Caribou have a strange diet. These mammals are herbivores. The ground weeds and tree leaves are their main source of food. If they find tree lichen they enjoy this because it is their favourite food. They also do not mind berries, mushrooms and reindeer moss. When they find cud they chew on it. A fun fact is that they have a special stomach to help them break down food.



Cud



Lichen



Special Features

Every animal has special features to help them survive in their environment. For example the caribou has split hooves like a snowshoes to help them through deep snow. They also have sharp edges around their hooves to chip away ice for water. A rough pad in their mouth to tear food. These are just some features that help



Statue



Affect the Survival of an Animal



These animals have lots of advantages but they still need us to not disturb their habitat. People erecting buildings in the forests like cabins disturbs their peaceful lives. It affects them because we have to cut down trees to build the buildings. We can scare them away by riding bicycles through their habitat daily. Logging means clearing the forests by a big machine and shipping the logs into the city to build furniture, houses etc. It is not only humans that affect their habitat. Natural disasters like a drought can cause a pond to dry up then the animals do not have water. So I think we should try our best to help them and their environment.



Logging

Drought



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