

## A Caribou Year: Answer Key

**1 - What is the primary winter food for Porcupine Herd caribou?**

c) lichens

**2 - Scientists capture caribou in the winter in order to...**

a) put on new radio collars, take blood samples, and weigh the caribou

**3 - Why are migrating caribou sometimes found in the springtime on high mountain ridges?**

b) the snow has been blown away, so walking is easier

**4 - During March and April, scientists try to estimate...**

d) the number of calves that survived the winter

**5 - In normal years, Porcupine Herd caribou give birth to their calves in Alaska, in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Caribou may calve in Canada, however, if...**

b) late snowmelt slows the caribou down

**6 - During the calving period, scientists make maps showing...**

a) where the calves are born

**7 - During the hot days of summer, Porcupine Herd caribou gather together in very large groups - called aggregations - ...**

c) in locations where there are fewer insects

**8 - When the caribou gather together in large aggregations...**

d) scientists photograph the animals from an airplane to count them (to census them)

**9 - In the fall, caribou begin moving south toward their winter range when...**

a) a storm or cold weather arrives

**10 - In the fall, caribou scientists often work in their offices in order to...**

c) count the caribou in the census photographs