

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Mammal List



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INSECTIVORES (shrews)

- ___ **Masked Shrew** (*Sorex cinereus*): Wet areas and forests.
- ___ **Dusky Shrew** (*Sorex monticolus*): Wet meadows and forests south of the mountains.
- ___ **Pygmy Shrew** (*Sorex hoyi*): Forests and open areas south of the mountains.
- ___ **Tundra Shrew** (*Sorex tundrensis*): Wet tundra and forests.
- ___ **Barren Ground Shrew** (*Sorex ugyunak*): Wet tundra and forests.

LAGOMORPHS (hares and rabbits)

- ___ **Snowshoe Hare** (*Lepus americanus*): Forests and shrub thickets.

RODENTS (squirrels, voles, lemmings, etc.)

- ___ **Alaska Marmot** (*Marmota broweri*): Rocky, mountainous areas.

Observation Notes

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- ___ **Polar Bear** (*Ursus maritimus*): Along the coast and on ocean ice.



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MUSTELIDS (weasels)

- ___ **Marten** (*Martes americana*): Forests.
- ___ **Ermine** (*Mustela erminea*): Open forests and tundra.
- ___ **Least Weasel** (*Mustela nivalis*): Open, wet areas.
- ___ **Mink** (*Mustela vison*): Wet areas south of the mountains.
- ___ **Wolverine** (*Gulo gulo*): Forests and tundra.
- ___ **River Otter** (*Lontra canadensis*): Rivers and lakes mainly south of the mountains.

CERVIDS (deer)

- ___ **Moose** (*Alces alces*): Forests, shrub thickets, and wet areas.
- ___ **Caribou** (*Rangifer tarandus*): All areas.

BOVIDS (goats and sheep)

- ___ **Muskox** (*Ovibos moschatus*): Tundra north of the mountains.
- ___ **Dall Sheep** (*Ovis dalli*): Rocky slopes and meadows in the mountains.

PINNIPEDS (seals and walrus)

- ___ **Walrus** (*Odobenus rosmarus*): Rare along the coast.
- ___ **Spotted Seal** (*Phoca largha*): Coastal waters and on ocean ice.
- ___ **Ringed Seal** (*Phoca hispida*): Ocean ice along the coast.
- ___ **Bearded Seal** (*Erignathus barbatus*): Coastal waters and on ocean ice.

CETACEANS (whales)

- ___ **Beluga Whale** (*Delphinapterus leucas*): Coastal waters.
- ___ **Gray Whale** (*Eschrichtius robustus*): Rare in coastal waters.
- ___ **Bowhead Whale** (*Balaena mysticetus*): Coastal waters.

- ___ **Arctic Ground Squirrel** (*Spermophilus parryi*): Well-drained areas.

- ___ **Red Squirrel** (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*): Forests.

- ___ **Muskrat** (*Ondatra zibethicus*): Ponds and marshes south of the mountains.

- ___ **Beaver** (*Castor canadensis*): Lakes and rivers south of the mountains.

- ___ **Meadow Vole** (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*): Meadows and open forests south of the mountains.

- ___ **Tundra Vole** (*Microtus oeconomus*): Meadows near water.

- ___ **Yellow-cheeked Vole** (*Microtus xanthognathus*): Forests and wet areas.

- ___ **Singing Vole** (*Microtus miurus*): Well-drained tundra and shrub thickets near water.

- ___ **Northern Red-backed Vole** (*Myodes rutilus*): Tundra and forests.

- ___ **Brown Lemming** (*Lemmus sibiricus trimucronatus*): Well-drained raised areas in wet sedge tundra.

- ___ **Northern Bog Lemming** (*Synaptomyis borealis*): Wet areas, forests, and meadows south of the mountains.

- ___ **Collared Lemming** (*Dicrostonyx groenlandicus*): Sedge tundra.

- ___ **Porcupine** (*Erethizon dorsatum*): Forests and shrub thickets.

CANIDS (foxes and wolves)

- ___ **Coyote** (*Canis latrans*): Rare in open areas.

- ___ **Gray Wolf** (*Canis lupus*): All areas.

- ___ **Arctic Fox** (*Alopex lagopus*): Tundra north of the mountains.

- ___ **Red Fox** (*Vulpes vulpes*): All areas.



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FELIDS (cats)

- ___ **Lynx** (*Lynx canadensis*): Forests.

URSIDS (bears)

- ___ **Black Bear** (*Ursus americanus*): Forests.

- ___ **Brown/Grizzly Bear** (*Ursus arctos*): Valleys, plateaus, and open areas.

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