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THE REINDEER



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Region & Habitat	Arctic tundra and adjacent boreal forests of Greenland, Scandinavia, Russia, Alaska, and Canada
Classification	Capreolinae
Size	Height: 2.8 - 4.9 ft. Length: 5.9 - 7 ft.; 350-400lbs.
Nocturnal or Diurnal	Both
Conservation Status	Currently listed as a vulnerable species
Average Lifespan	15 - 18 years
Diet	Mosses, herbs, ferns, and grasses as well as shoots and leaves of shrubs and trees
Scientific Name	Rangifer
Fun Fact	Their ankles make a clicking sound when they walk. Their tendons snap over bones in their feet. Experts think the clicking helps the members of a herd stay in contact when snow is deep

A staple of holiday song, lore, and legend, the reindeer is a very real species of deer. Their habitat includes tundra and boreal forest and they can be found in Scandinavia, Russia, Iceland, Greenland, Alaska and Canada. Sometimes called Caribou, these mammals are herbivores, so each year when the snow begins to fall they relocate south where they can find plants more easily. Reindeer have an extraordinary sense of smell and depend on it greatly, more so than sight and hearing.

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