



AOUDAD

Ammotragus lervia

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

An adult aoudad will stand 30-45 inches in height at the shoulder.

WEIGHT

The aoudad varies greatly in weight, ranging from 60-320 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Aoudad will eat brush, grasses, and leaves.

HABITAT

Aoudads tend to prefer rocky, desert type habitats.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

This animal can be found in the rocky arid mountains of northern Africa, especially in the Sahara.

FUN FACT

Aoudad sheep have been imported into areas of west Texas where they now compete with the native desert bighorn sheep.



While the aoudad is only native to north Africa, populations of this sheep have been introduced in areas of Spain and the southwestern United States. These introduced populations have quickly flourished in these new locations. Due to a lack of vegetation in their preferred habitat, the aoudad has adapted to concealing itself from predators by standing still to avoid exposure. Aoudad also have strong jumping abilities and are able to leap over 6 1/2 foot obstacles from a standing start. Like most desert dwelling animals, the aoudad is most active during the cooler parts of the day, resting in the afternoon hours.

