



MUSKOX

Ovibos moschatus

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

An adult muskox can be anywhere between six and eight feet in length and five feet tall.

WEIGHT

An adult muskox may weigh as much as 700 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The muskox eats a variety of grasses and other vegetation.

HABITAT

Muskox are found in the cold environment of the tundra.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The muskox is found throughout northern Canada and into Greenland.

FUN FACT

The muskox has two kinds of fur. The outer fur is coarse and stiff. The under fur is soft and serves to keep the muskox very warm.



Muskox are large, heavily furred animals that live in northern Canada and Greenland. Muskox may weigh 700 pounds, be eight feet long, and stand five feet tall to the shoulder. Male muskox give off a musky odor, or scent, which gives them their name. Males are polygamous, and they fight to win a herd of cows (females). When threatened, muskox form a circle, facing outward, with the young in the center of the circle. These animals are herbivores, preferring to eat grasses and other forms of vegetation.

