



# STONE SHEEP

*Ovis dalli stonei*

## SPECIES QUICK FACTS

### SIZE

The stone sheep averages about three feet in height at the shoulder and four to five feet in length.

### WEIGHT

An adult stone sheep ranges between 100 and 240 pounds.

### FOOD HABITS

The stone sheep eats a variety of grasses and sedges.

### HABITAT

The stone sheep prefers a mountainous habitat in arctic or sub-arctic environments.

### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The stone sheep is found in the south-central regions of the Yukon and in the northwest corner of British Columbia.

### FUN FACT

Stone sheep lambs inherit their parent's home range and return to those home ranges every year.



There are two subspecies of the Dall sheep, *Ovis dalli dalli* and *Ovis dalli stonei*, also called the stone sheep. The stone sheep has a gray to black pelage, whereas the Dall sheep has a white pelage. Dall sheep (including the stone sheep) are the only “thin-horned” mountain sheep. They depend upon rugged, steep cliffs that allow them to escape from predators. Stone sheep death is usually caused by predation from wolves or from avalanches and accidental falls. Males stay separated from the females all year long except for during the mating season. The males have a dominance hierarchy that is based on the size of their horns.

