

Narwhal Whale

The narwhal is a medium-sized toothed whale that lives in the Arctic.

They can live to be up to 50 years old.

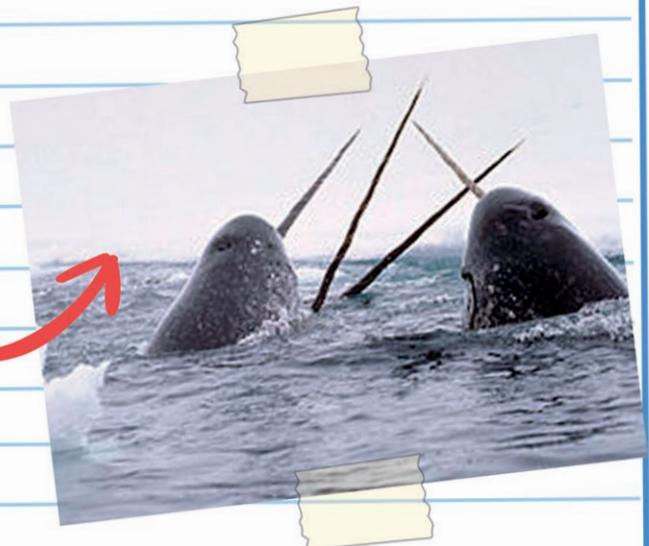


It has a long tusk which can measure up to 3.1m.

A narwhal can measure between 3.95 - 5.5m and weighs between 800 - 1,600kg.

Did You Know?

The male narwhals use their long tusks to duel in the summer feeding ground.



Arctic Fox

Arctic foxes will eat any small animals, such as lemmings and voles.

If food is scarce the fox will scavenge leftovers from other animals, such as the polar bear.



An Arctic fox can weigh between 3 - 8kg and measures approximately 46 - 68cm.

Arctic foxes have a thick warm coat which is brown in summer and white in winter. This means they can stay well camouflaged all year.

Did You Know?

This fox's thick tail is very useful as warm cover in cold weather and also helps its balance.



Arctic Hare

The Arctic hares lives on the rocky slopes and upland tundra of the Arctic. It can run up to 40 miles per hour.

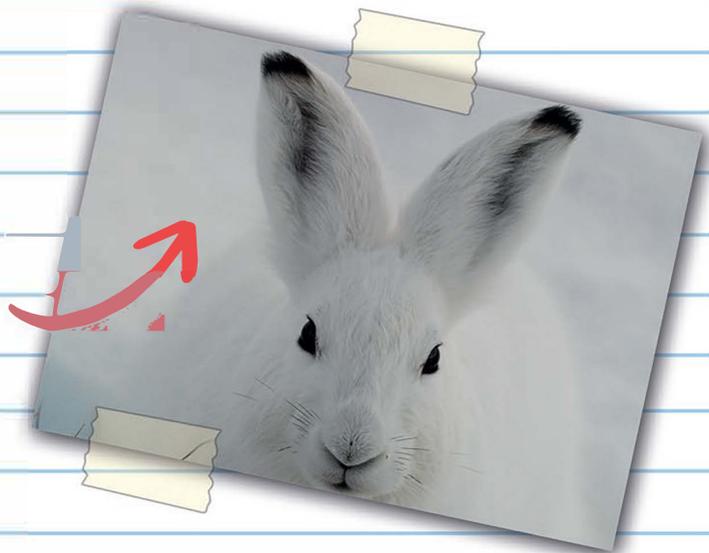


An Arctic hare can weigh between 2.5–5.5kg and measures approximately 43-70cm.

It has a pure white coat in winter and a brown coat during the summertime. This helps to keep the hare camouflaged and helps to protect it during both seasons.

Did You Know?

The Arctic hare's ears are small to help keep the hare warm during the cold winters.



Walrus

Walruses are the largest fin-footed mammals (pinnipeds) in the Arctic and Subarctic areas. Some males can weigh over 1,700kg.



Unlike other pinnipeds that have to drag their rear end along while walking, the walrus can walk on their hind fins.

Walruses use their tusks to help them climb out of the water and also to create breathing holes in the ice.

During the mating season bull walruses will use their tusks to fight and show their dominance.

Did You Know?

You can tell how old a walrus is by the number of rings you can find in a cross-section of its teeth.



Snowy Owl

Snowy owls nest in the Arctic tundra of the northernmost stretches of Alaska and Canada and Eurasia.

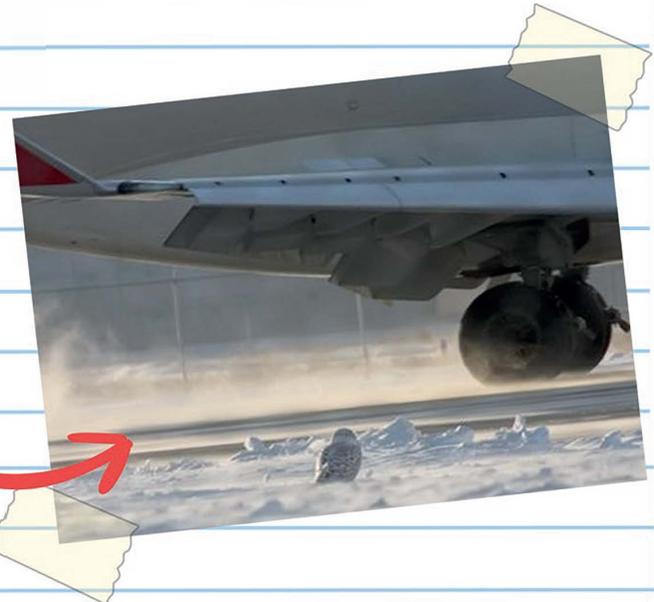


Snowy owls measure between 52 - 71cm. They have a wingspan of between 1.3 - 1.5m

Unlike most owls the snowy owl is nocturnal and diurnal. This means as well as being active at night they are also active and hunt during the daytime.

Did You Know?

Snowy owls are often found in airports as it reminds them of the wide-open space of the tundra.



Polar Bear

Polar bears have a great sense of smell and can smell seals from almost 1 km away and under 1 metre of snow.



A polar bear weighs between 175 - 650kg and measures approximately 2 - 3m.

Polar bears need to hunt earlier each year due to climate change which is melting the sea ice. This means their feeding season is shorter giving them less time in which to build up their fat reserves.

Did You Know?

A polar bear's paws prevent them from breaking through the ice and snow.

