

Mammals of Ladakh



Ladakh is home to a fascinating group of 34 wild mammals. This includes majestic species like the snow leopard and wild yak. Among these 34 species, two are endangered and two vulnerable on the IUCN red-list of threatened species.



● Snow leopard (*Panthera uncia*)
Ladakhi name: Shan

The snow leopard is the king of the snow-capped mountains of Central & South Asia. It is one of the most solitary, elusive, rare and endangered predators in the world. It is a medium sized cat, especially adapted to survive in some of the harshest and most difficult environmental conditions. Only an estimated 3500-7000 snow leopards are left in the wild; and in India the figure is estimated between 200 and 600.

The snow leopard weighs approximately 35-50 kg., stands about 60 cm at the shoulder, and measures 1.8-2.3 meters from head to tail. The tail is usually 75-90% of its body length. This long tail helps the cat balance in treacherous terrain of its habitat. The snow leopard also uses its tail for covering its body, nose and mouth in sub-zero temperatures. The snow leopard has large nasal cavities and well-developed lungs and is suitably adapted for life in higher altitudes.

● CARNIVORES

● HERBIVORES

● OMNIVORES



● Eurasian lynx (*Lynx lynx*)
Ladakhi name: Eeh



● Pallas's cat (*Otocolobus manul*)
Ladakhi name: Taksram



● Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)
Ladakhi name: Watse



● Himalayan brown bear (*Ursus arctos isabellinus*)
Ladakhi name: Den-mo



● Tibetan wolf (*Canis lupus chanco*)
Ladakhi name: Shangku



● Tibetan sand fox (*Vulpes ferrilata*)
Ladakhi name: Sill
Rarely seen/recorded



● Tibetan wild dog (*Cuon alpinus*)
Ladakhi name: Phara



● Musk deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*)
Ladakhi name: Lawa
Not recorded after 1960



● Ladakh urial (*Ovis vignei*)
Ladakhi name: Shapo (M), Shamo (F)



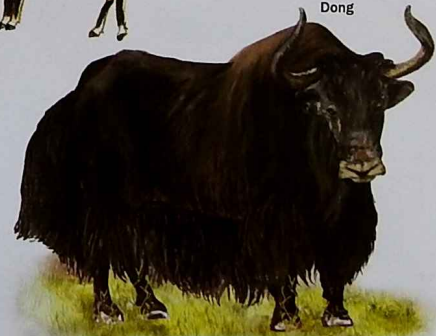
● Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*)
Ladakhi name: Tsos



● Blue sheep (*Pseudis nayaur*)
Ladakhi name: Napo (M), Nammo (F)



● Tibetan gazelle (*Procapra picticaudata*)
Ladakhi name: Gowa



● Wild yak (*Bos mutus*)
Ladakhi name: Dong

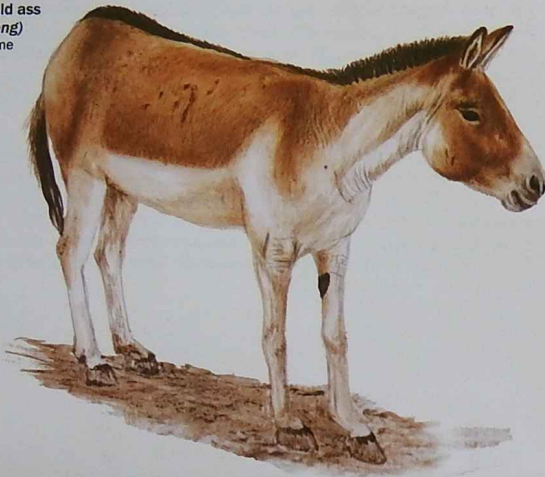


● Asiatic ibex (*Capra sibirica*)
Ladakhi name: Skin (M), Dadmo (F)

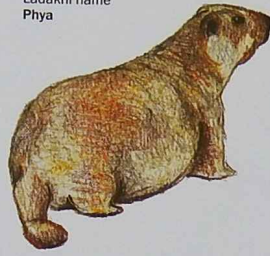


● Tibetan argali (*Ovis ammon hodgsonii*)
Ladakhi name: Nyan

● **Tibetan wild ass**
(*Equus kiang*)
Ladakhi name
kiang



● **Himalayan marmot**
(*Marmota himalayana*)
Ladakhi name
Phya



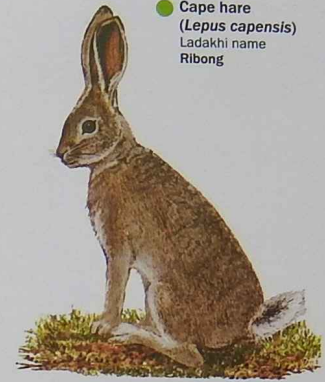
● **Long-tailed marmot**
(*Marmota caudata*)
Ladakhi name
Phya



● **Tibetan woolly hare**
(*Lepus oiostolus*)
Ladakhi name
Ribong



● **Cape hare**
(*Lepus capensis*)
Ladakhi name
Ribong



● **Nubra pika**
(*Ochotona nubrica*)
Ladakhi name
Zabra



● **Large-eared pika**
(*Ochotona macrotis*)
Ladakhi name
Zabra



● **Silvery mountain vole**
(*Alticola argentatus*)
Ladakhi name
Zabra



● **Stoliczka's mountain vole**
(*Alticola stoliczkanus*)
Ladakhi name
Zabra



● **Ladakh pika**
(*Ochotona ladacensis*)
Ladakhi name
Zabra



● **Plateau pika (Black-lipped Pika)**
(*Ochotona curzoniae*)
Ladakhi name
Zabra



● **Royle's pika**
(*Ochotona roylei*)
Ladakhi name
Zabra



● **Royle's mountain vole**
(*Alticola roylei*)
Ladakhi name
Zabra



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● **Stoat**
(*Mustela erminea*)
Ladakhi name
Lakimo



● **Mountain weasel**
(*Mustela altaica*)
Ladakhi name
Lakimo



● **Himalayan weasel**
(*Mustela sibirica*)
Ladakhi name
Lakimo



Not recorded after 1960

● **Stone marten**
(*Martes foina*)
Ladakhi name
Kogar



● **Eurasian otter**
(*Lutra lutra*)
Ladakhi name
Chu-sram

