



Moose

Characteristics

Long legs, shoulder hump. Built like a horse with a large head. Shovel-like antlers.

Habitat

Wet and marshy areas.

15 cm



Elk

Characteristics

Brown body, darker neck and large tan rump patch. Backwards slanting antlers.

Habitat

Valley bottoms and open areas. Commonly seen around townsites.

11.5 cm



White-tailed Deer

Characteristics

Tan colour, tail has white underside and is held upright like a flag when alarmed.

Habitat

Mostly valley bottoms.

7 cm



Mule Deer

Characteristics

Black tip on tail, large ears, white rump, grey colour. Antlers that fork in "Y"s.

Habitat

Mostly valley bottoms.

7 cm



Red Squirrel

Characteristics

Red body, white underside and very large, bushy tail.

Habitat

Coniferous forests, scampering up trees.



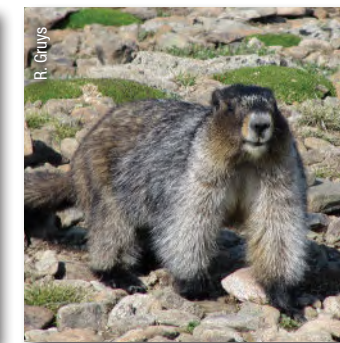
Columbian Ground Squirrel

Characteristics

Tan-coloured. Longer body. Has a high-pitched "squeak."

Habitat

Meadows, roadsides and townsites in underground colonies.



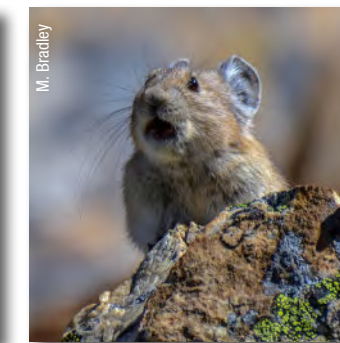
Hoary Marmot

Characteristics

A larger member of the rodent family. Silver-brown in colour with longer hair. Has a high-pitched call that sounds like a whistle.

Habitat

Alpine and subalpine meadows, rock piles and scree slopes.



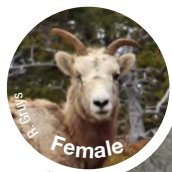
Pika

Characteristics

The smallest member of the rabbit family. Has a piercing call that sounds like a high-pitched "eep."

Habitat

Rock slides and talus slopes.



Bighorn Sheep

Characteristics

White rump and light brown fur. Males: thick curved horns. Females: short narrow horns.

Habitat

Near steep rocky terrain.

8 cm



Mountain Goat

Characteristics

Narrow black horns, beard, long white hair.

Habitat

Near steep rocky terrain.

8 cm



Wolf

Characteristics

Built like a large dog, with longer legs. Colour can vary from white to black.

Habitat

Mainly valley bottoms.

12 cm



Coyote

Characteristics

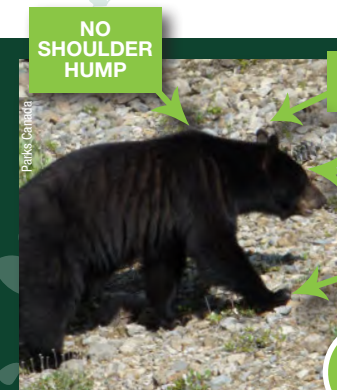
Similar to a medium-sized dog. Thick, bushy tail. Greyish-brown in colour.

Habitat

Valley bottoms.

7 cm

Grizzly or Black Bear?



Black Bear

7-10 cm



Grizzly Bear

10-15 cm



You are in bear country!

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