



## Species Fact Sheet



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## Llama

*Lama glama*

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**Habitat:** Andean highlands

**Range:** Native range all along Andes mountains originally in North America but spread to South America (not found in the wild)

**Activity Cycle:** Diurnal– active during the day

**Size:** The height of a full grown, full size llama is between 5.5 feet to 6 feet at the top of the head.  
They can weigh between 280 pounds and 450 pounds.

**Social Structure:** Herd animals  
Polygynous– males have a harem of about 6 females in a designated territorial region  
Highly social– lives in groups of up to 20 individuals

**Distinguishing Features:** The llama is domestic, and is variable in size and colors. They range from white to brown or grey to black.  
The guanaco and vicuña are wild, the former being endangered, and a uniform light-brown color, passing into white below.

**Diet:** Grasses are the staple diet although they will nibble on fresh hedge and trees hoots.

**Life Span:** 20-25 years

### **Did you know?**

***They are widely used as a pack animal by the Incas and other natives of the Andes Mountains.***