

Species Fact Sheet



MAMMALS

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Takin

Burorcas taxicolor tibetana

Peoria Zoo Exhibit Asian Trail

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Habitat: Temperate forests and taiga

Range: China and along the eastern Himalayas in Asia

Activity Cycle: Diurnal– active during the day

Size: They are around 5-7 feet long and 3.3-5 feet tall. Males can weigh up to 880 pounds and females up to 550 pounds.

Social Structure: During spring and summer, herds can reach 300 in size. During winter, the herds break into smaller groups, with males being solitary and females with young.

Distinguishing Features: Large animal that looks like a cross between a goat and ox. Are very good climbers and have been known to jump 6 feet in the air. They have long thick fur and a secondary coat to stay warm. Their large noses warm up the air before it reaches their lungs.

Diet: Alpine and deciduous plants and evergreens, willow and pine bark, bamboo leaves, herbs

Life Span: 12-15 years in the wild and up to 19 years in captivity

Did you know?

Takins, like giant pandas, are considered national treasures of China.