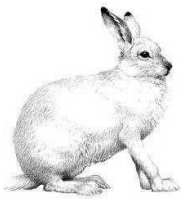


The North Pole



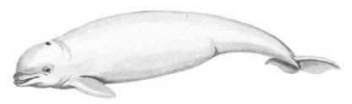
The wildlife is not very much represented. It includes a few hundreds of insects (butterflies, beetles, mosquitos, flies, bees, wasps, grasshoppers...), lots of birds (guillemot, penguin, barnacle goose, arctic tern, duck, Harfang owl, gull, teal, puffin, lagopus alpine...), about twenty mammals (polar bear, brown bear, arctic fox, ermine, marten, arctic wolf, glutton, walrus, seal, caribou, musky beef, shrew, vole, lemming, marmot, spermophile squirrel, arctic hare, and many species of whales...) but very few reptiles or amphibians.



Here are the animals that we find there permanently : Harfang owl, polar bear, caribou, arctic fox, arctic wolf, alpine lagopus, lemming, arctic hare, musky beef.



The arctic animals are perfectly adapted to their environment, they eat abundantly and they reproduce quickly in summer, migrating, hibernating, or adopting forms of life slowed down (egg, nymphs...) in winter.



They are equipped to resist to the cold thanks to their fur or isolating plumage, a thick layer of grease, the shape of the body stocky with small ends, a blood circulation reduced at the ends and concentrated on the vitals organs.



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