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The Arctic Fox

Some arctic animals camouflage themselves by exchanging their summer fur for a winter coat. The Arctic fox is unique because its fur changes color seasonally. Arctic foxes grow thick white or near-white fur in the autumn. Their coat is blue grayish in the winter to chocolate brown in summer.



**Description:** Round head, blunt nose, short rounded ears with short legs and a long fluffy tail.

**Habitat:** Arctic and alpine tundra on the continents of Europe and Asia, North America and the Canadian archipelago, Siberian islands, Greenland, inland Iceland and Svalbard. They live in burrows and dens.

**Diet:** The Arctic fox is a scavenger and hunter. During the autumn, this fox gathers ground squirrels, mice and lemmings, kills them, then stores the food supply just below the surface of the ground — in a veritable “icebox,” or “refrigerator.”

**Predators:** They can be eaten by polar bears or wolves.

**Recognizing their tracks:** Like other wild canine, their tracks tend to be oval. It also has fur on the soles of its feet, which protects its feet from freezing and helps it to walk on the ice without slipping.

