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➔ a guide to **hunting** in nunavut



Muskox

ᐃᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ umingmak (oo-ming-mak)

STATS

Weight: 260 – 660kg (males)
280 – 295kg (females)

Habitat: Arctic tundra primarily on the arctic islands in the Baffin and northern Kitikmeot regions. They do not undertake long migrations, but may have winter and summer ranges that are up to 160km apart.



Photo: Canada North Outfitting/Nunavut Tourism

Averaging 2 metres in length, the skull of the muskox is massive. They are social animals and live in herds with an average of 15 animals. When threatened, muskoxen try to move to higher ground where the dominant bull stops and faces the danger while the rest of the herd gathers around him and form a characteristic line of defense.



Photo: Mike Lane

Tundra wolf

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Tundra wolves look a lot like sled dogs but have longer legs, bigger feet and narrower chests. They vary in colour, even pure white ones are possible, and can be found all over Nunavut. Up to 80 kg



Grizzly bear

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Found throughout the Kivalliq and parts of the Kitikmeot regions, Grizzly bears are smaller than Polar bears but heavily built. They are known for their pronounced shoulder hump and elongated claws and are at their largest in the fall. 146kg - 400kg.

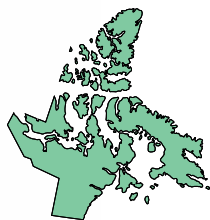


Photo: Canada North Outfitting/Nunavut Tourism



Arctic fox ᐱᐱᐭᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ tiriganniaq (tee-ree-gan-niak)

Arctic foxes are active all winter and are mainly found in arctic and alpine tundra, coastal areas and some forested areas in the southern portion of their range.
2.5 kg – 5kg



Wolverine ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ qavvik (kav-vik)

The wolverine, one of the larger species in the weasel family, have a wide broad head and short rounded ears. They can be found in all regions except on parts of the highest arctic islands.
10.5 kg – 25kg

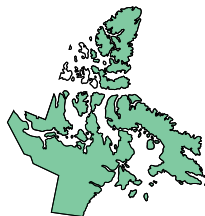


Photo: Andy Astbury

Polar bear

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STATS

Weight: 350 – over 650kg (males)
150 – 250kg (females)

Habitat: Annual ice throughout circumpolar arctic. Seasons, availability of food, good denning sites, sea-ice conditions and breeding season affect where they may be found.



Photo: Fred Lemire/Nunavut Tourism

The largest of all bears, polar bears are skilled hunters. They can be found throughout Nunavut, mainly close to the coastline but some may travel many kilometers inland to den or simply to cross islands and get to other hunting areas.



Barrenground caribou ᑕᑭᑦᑕᑦ tuktu (*took-too*)

STATS

Weight: 150kg (males, autumn)
90kg (females, autumn)

Habitat: Found throughout the mainland in the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions and most of Baffin. Several herds on the mainland winter in the forests south of Nunavut; while populations on the northern mainland and arctic islands occupy Nunavut's tundra year-round.

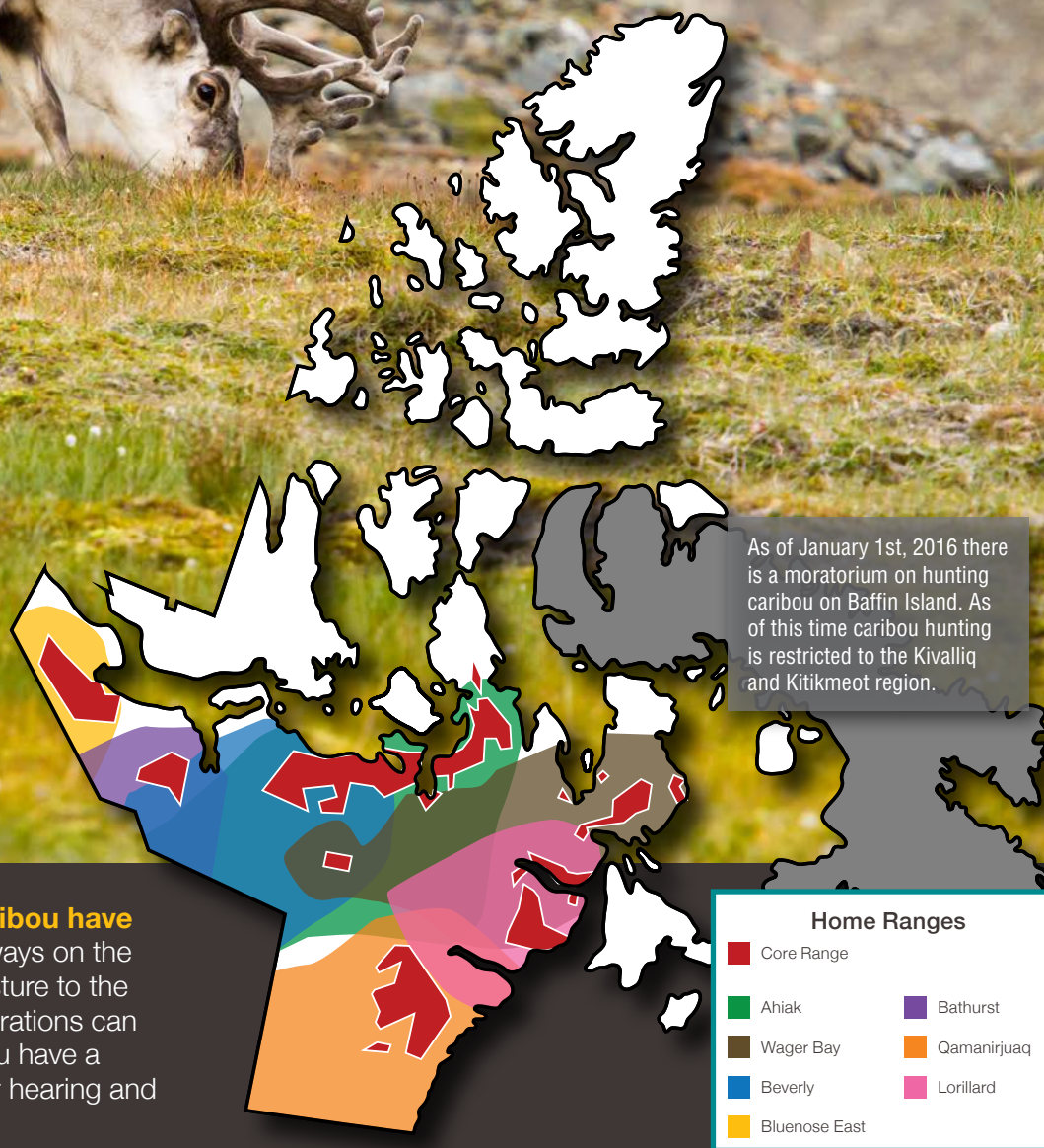


Photo: Luca Viola

Both male and female caribou have antlers. They are almost always on the move from one seasonal pasture to the next and some seasonal migrations can be as far as 1200km. Caribou have a great sense of smell but their hearing and eyesight are average.

Waterfowl



Photo: Michelle Valberg/Nunavut Tourism

Nunavut is a migratory home to over 100 species of birds, many of them popular game birds. With huge nesting colonies in the spring, there is no place better than Nunavut to capture an incredible waterfowl hunt. Popular breeds include:

- Snow Goose
- Lesser Snow Goose
- Ross's Goose
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Canada Goose
- Cackling Goose
- American Black Duck
- King Eider
- Ptarmigan

Visit the Environment Canada website for further details, or contact a local outfitter.

Recognizable by its prominent tusks of ivory, and large mass; Walrus are marine mammals that can be found both on patches of sea ice as well as on various beaches throughout Kivalliq and Baffin regions. They are a unique hunting opportunity in North America. They are long lived, with some examples being over 40 years of age, and can weigh in excess of 1100kg for males and 800 kg for females.



Walrus

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Photo: Canada North Outfitting/Nunavut Tourism

Hunting Lodges and Outfitters (by region)

KITIKMEOT REGION

ANGONIATIT NIOVIK VIA LTD.

PO Box 309, Kugluktuk, X0B 0E0
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Angoniatit Niovikvia, Ltd. is business arm for Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association (HTO). Angoniatit Niovikvia, Ltd. serves to provide a small retail for hunting and camping supplies, sub-contracting services to researchers, mines and agencies, rental space (3 offices), boardroom rental as well as a 24 foot boat rental.

HAKONGAK OUTFITTING

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(867) 983 2799 | (867) 983 3190
naikak@northwestel.net

HAOGAK OUTFITTING

Bobby or Rosabelle Klengenber
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(867) 983 7349 | (867) 983 5529

KIVALLIQ REGION

SIKU TOURS

Aaron Emiktowt
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http://www.tassiuqoutfitting.com

We offer spring goose hunts, excursions and walrus hunts as well as sightseeing at an Archeological site and at the Floe Edge.

BAFFIN REGION

AMITTUQ ADVENTURES, LTD.

Judah Sarpinak
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We provide guided tours to see wildlife and nature. We also provide sport hunters with Big Game sport hunts.

I.D.S. OUTFITTING LTD.

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PO Box 29, Igloolik, X0A 0L0
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I.D.S. Outfitting offers exceptional polar bear and walrus hunts.

TAGAK OUTFITTING SERVICES

PO Box 162, Pond Inlet, X0A 0S0
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MULTI-COMMUNITY

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Boyd Warner
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(780) 247 0247
hunt@adventurew.com
http://www.adventurew.ca

Adventure Northwest is a premier outfitter/booking agent that provides hunts in Nunavut for Muskox (both Greenland and Mainland), Central Canadian Barren-ground Caribou, Wolves and Grizzly and Polar Bears. We have been sending hunters to Nunavut for over 25 years and run highly successful and well run hunts. Trust us with your next arctic hunt and you will not be disappointed.

CANADA NORTH OUTFITTING INC.

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http://www.canadanorthoutfitting.com

Canada North Outfitting has been catering to the needs of hunters from the world over since 1981 with our world class Arctic hunting expeditions. We are partnered with the best Inuit guides in the best Arctic communities hunting for Polar Bear, Muskox, Caribou, Walrus and Barren-ground Grizzly Bear.

HENIK LAKE ADVENTURE

Russ Mehling
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russl@webberslodges.com
http://www.heniklakeadventures.com

Henik Lake Adventures offers magnificent Fall Caribou and trophy Late Spring Musk Ox hunts in Southern Nunavut. Our excellent guides and quality accommodations make hunting in the extreme North a safe and comfortable adventure. Wolf and Wolverine hunting as well as fishing can be added to our fall hunts.

HIGH ARCTIC LODGE

PO Box 280, Penticton, BC, V2A 6J9
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info@higharctic.com
http://www.higharctic.com

Operating in July and August, this full-service lodge offers week long arctic char and lake trout fishing and Muskox hunting packages to Merkey Lake and Victoria Island. The world's Northernmost Sport-fishing and Hunting Lodge. If you are looking for arctic fishing, lake trout fishing or muskox hunting, then you have found the very best at High Arctic Lodge. We are located in Nunavut, Canada on Victoria Island.

REGIONS

KITIKMEOT REGION

Polar bear, Muskox, Caribou, Arctic hare, Arctic fox, Grizzly bear, Grey wolf

KIVALLIQ REGION

Polar bear, Muskox, Caribou, Arctic hare, Arctic fox, Grizzly bear, Walrus, Grey wolf

BAFFIN REGION

Polar bear, Arctic hare, Arctic fox, Grey wolf





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Licenses

Visitors wishing to hunt in Nunavut are required by law to use licensed outfitters. Mandatory hunting licenses and tags must be acquired before embarking on the hunt. Hunting seasons and quotas are strictly enforced by Nunavut Wildlife Officers.

Officers and mandatory tags are often only issued by a lottery system run by the local Hunting and Trapping Organization (HTO).

To learn more about hunting rules and regulations in Nunavut, visit the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment website (<http://env.gov.nu.ca/>), or call them at one of the following three locations:

Headquarters Office in Iqaluit

Tel: (867) 975 5955

Regional Office in Kugluktuk

Tel: (867) 982 7240

Regional Office in Arviat

Tel: (867) 857 2828

Transport of goods

It is an offense to remove wildlife or wildlife parts, other than a manufactured product to a place outside Nunavut unless you obtain a Wildlife Export Permit. To export parts of marine mammals you are required to obtain a Marine Mammal Transportation License. These permits must be obtained prior to leaving Nunavut and will not be issued after the items have been exported.

For certain species of wildlife or marine mammals you may also require a C.I.T.E.S. Export Permit if your destination is outside Canada. This permit must be obtained prior to the item leaving the country.



Photo: Tassiuq Outfitting/Nunavut Tourism

Permits

A Hunting License is required by anyone wishing to hunt in Nunavut. They are available from the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment (wildlife office). For more information about the proper procedures for obtaining a Nunavut Hunting License, call the GN Department of Environment at one of the following three locations:

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Tel: (867) 975 7700

Regional Office in Kugluktuk

Tel: (867) 982 7450

Regional Office in Arviat

Tel: (867) 857 2976

Firearms

A Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) is required for firearms in Nunavut. Nunavut follows Government of Canada firearm regulations. If you are not a resident of Canada, PAL does not apply. Make sure you are up to date with the current laws and regulations. Please refer to the Firearms Act for more information.



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Climate and Seasonality

The Arctic is known as the Land of the Midnight Sun. For up to four months each spring and summer, depending on where you are, the sun never completely sets. The long hours of daylight, combined with bright sunshine, warms the Arctic with very comfortable average temperatures in the spring.

DAYLIGHT

COMMUNITY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Arviat	11h 50m	14h 48m	17h 33m
Cambridge Bay	11h 45m	16h 08m	21h 44m
Cape Dorset	11h 48m	15h 12m	18h 33m
Gjoa Haven	11h 48m	16h 09m	21h 49m
Iqaluit	11h 49m	15h 08m	18h 22m
Pangnirtung	11h 47m	15h 30m	19h 22m
Qikiqtarjuaq	11h 46m	15h 47m	20h 15m

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (IN CELCIUS)

COMMUNITY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Arviat	-24.7	-12.3	-4.8
Cambridge Bay	-29.7	-21.6	-9.2
Cape Dorset	-21.6	-14.1	-5.5
Gjoa Haven	-31.3	-18.2	-11.9
Iqaluit	-23.7	-14.8	-4.4
Pangnirtung	-21.6	-14.6	-6.2
Qikiqtarjuaq	-22.8	-16.9	-9.3

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How To Get Here

There are no roads to Nunavut. Most visitors arrive by scheduled air service from:

- ▶ Ottawa, Ontario
- ▶ Montreal, Quebec
- ▶ Winnipeg, Manitoba
- ▶ Churchill, Manitoba
- ▶ Edmonton, Alberta
- ▶ Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

The following airlines fly to Nunavut from southern Canada:

- ▶ Calm Air
- ▶ First Air
- ▶ Canadian North

Once here, you will find highly qualified regional and charter airlines serving all of Nunavut's communities.

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