

# Arctic Wolf

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**Common Name:** Arctic Wolf

**Scientific name:** Canis Lupus Arctos

**Classification:** Mammal

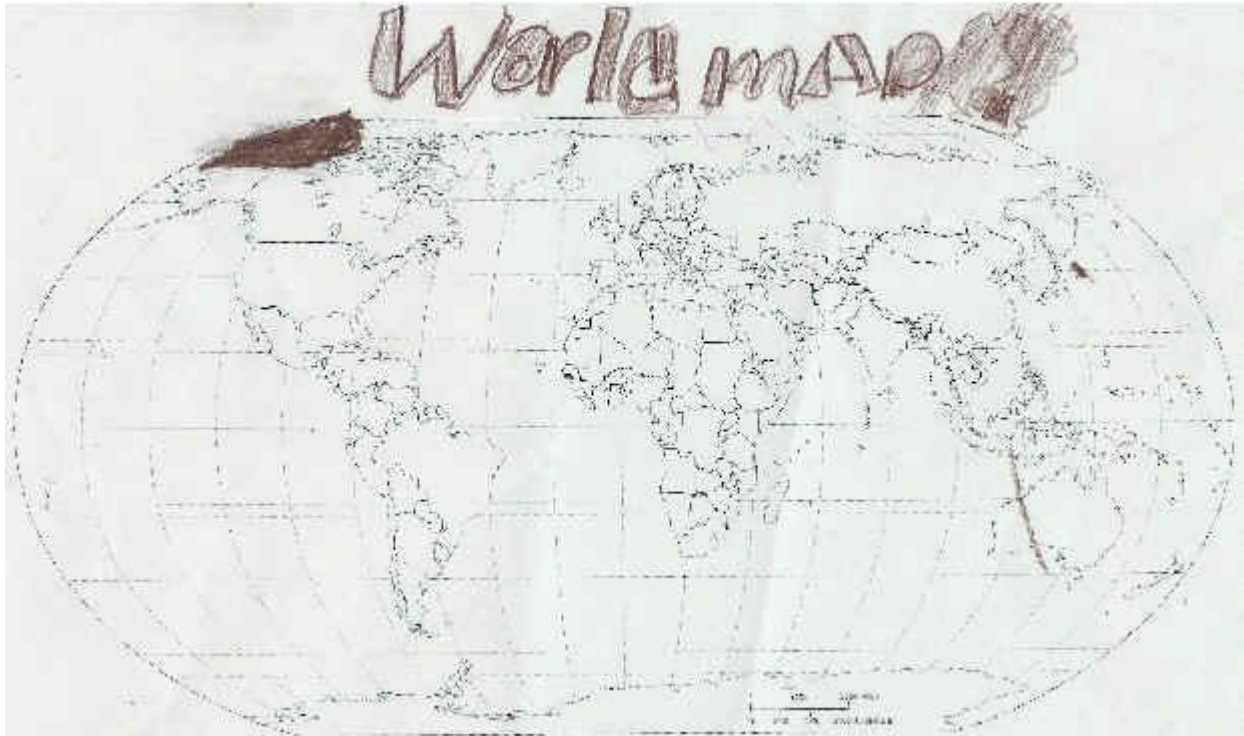
**Habitat:** They live over most of Canada's Arctic Islands, as well as along the eastern and northern shores of Greenland.

**Size:** On average they are about 3-ft. tall from head to toe. Their body length is from 3 to 5 feet (nose to tail).

**Food:** They prey on arctic hare and lemmings when alone, but when they are packs, they prey on caribou and musk-oxen.

**Young:** The mother leaves the pack to find a den to give birth to her cubs. The number of cubs vary usually from 3-6 per birth. They are born deaf, blind and helpless. They are totally dependent on their mother.

The wolves are endangered because they live in the arctic and very cold parts of the world. That makes it hard to find food, because without sunlight and plants for other smaller animals to be able to live, therefore leaving less food for the wolves to eat. When they are in packs they can catch and eat bigger animals like the caribou and the musk-oxen. They are also not afraid of human beings. They do not know who or what we are. That makes them easy to kill, when they are seen. They live in very hard to reach areas of the world, by human beings.



**Facts:**

1. The Arctic Wolf is a Subspecies of the Gray Wolf.
2. Arctic Wolves have White Coats year-round and have shorter noses and ears than the Gray Wolf.
3. A lot of the wolves live in the high arctic, which is usually icy and snowy most of the year, except from mid-June through mid-August.
4. The wolves are different colors depending on the latitude of which they live.
5. Throughout the fall and winter, arctic wolves remain on the move.
6. They mate in March.
7. They kill any animal they can catch, and eat every bit of it.
8. The arctic wolf is able to handle sub-zero temperatures, up to five months of darkness a year.
9. Other wolves and humans are the Arctic wolves' enemies.
10. They are endangered because of lack of food, the weather, and the fact that they are rarely seen by humans, therefore not able to receive help.