

The
Clever
Kid's
Guide
to

CANADA'S ENDANGERED SPECIES

Arctic Edition

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MEET THE CAST OF CREATURES!

NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	INUKTITUT NAME	STATUS	WEIGHT	SIZE	POPULATION	HABITAT	RANGE	DIET
POLAR BEAR	Ursus maritimus	Nanuq	Special Concern	Males up to 800 kg, females up to 400 kg	Males up to 3 m long, females up to 2.8 m long	Approximately 22,000 to 31,000	Arctic sea ice and coasts	Arctic Circle	Seals, walrus, beluga whales
ATLANTIC WALRUS	Odobenus rosmarus	Aiviq	Special Concern	Males up to 1,100 kg, females up to 800 kg	Males up to 3 m long, females up to 2.8 m long	Approximately 21,400	Ocean coasts	Eastern Arctic of Canada, Russia, Greenland and Norway	Molluscs and other benthic invertebrates
BELUGA WHALE	Delphinapterus leucas	Qilalugaq and other variations	Near Threatened	Up to 1900 kg	Up to 4.5 metres (females are up to 80 per cent the length of males)	over 150,000	Oceans	Arctic Ocean, Seas and Coasts around North America, Russia and Greenland	Fish and invertebrates
BOWHEAD WHALE	Balaena mysticetus	Arviq	Special Concern	Up to 100 tonnes	Up to 20 meters	Approximately 10,000	Shallow waters around pack ice	North of Europe, between Canada and Greenland, Hudson Bay, Okhotsk Sea and the Bering, Chukchi and Beaufort Seas	Zooplankton
NARWHAL	Monodon monoceros	Tuugaalik	Special Concern	Males up to 1900 kg, females up to 1,550 kg	Males up to 5.4 m long, females up to 5 m long	Approximately 170,000	Open ocean and under sea ice	Arctic waters of Canada, Greenland, Norway and Russia	Greenland halibut, Arctic cod, polar cod, squid and shrimp

POLAR BEAR

As our planet warms and sea ice melts, polar bear populations are increasingly at risk.



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The Atlantic walrus is particularly sensitive to shifts in its habitat that are accelerating as a result of climate change.

ATLANTIC WALRUS



BELUGA WHALE

With their "smiling" upturned mouths and pearly white skin, belugas are one of the most popular and recognizable whales.



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Beluga Whale



Bowhead whales typically spend the entire year in Arctic waters. The species has been a victim of commercial fishing and it will take many decades for their populations to recover.

BOWHEAD WHALE

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NARWHAL

Narwhals are animals of myths and legends. But the threats they face due to a rapidly changing climate are very real.



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WHAT IS CANADA DOING?

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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

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Yes, sign me up to help save the Arctic!

No thanks, I love climate change.

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