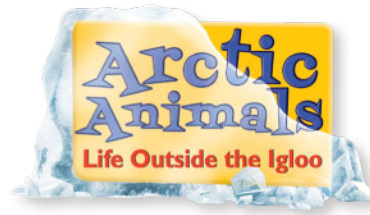


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Meet a Snowshoe Hare

It's evening in a cold forest.

A fluffy white snowshoe hare is munching on twigs.

It hops from plant to plant over the snowy ground.

The hare doesn't sink into the soft, deep snow, though.

That's because its huge back feet work like snowshoes.



back foot

Snowshoe hares were named for their very large back feet, which help them walk on snow. The toes on a hare's back feet spread out to make the feet even bigger.



snowshoes



Where Is Home?

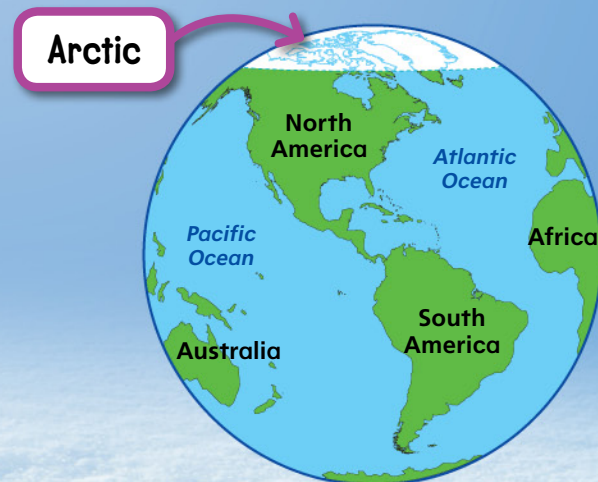
Snowshoe hares live in forests in Canada and the United States.

Some of these forests are in the **Arctic**.

The Arctic is farther north than any other area on Earth.

It's one of the coldest places in the world.

In winter, the weather in the Arctic can be colder than the inside of a freezer.

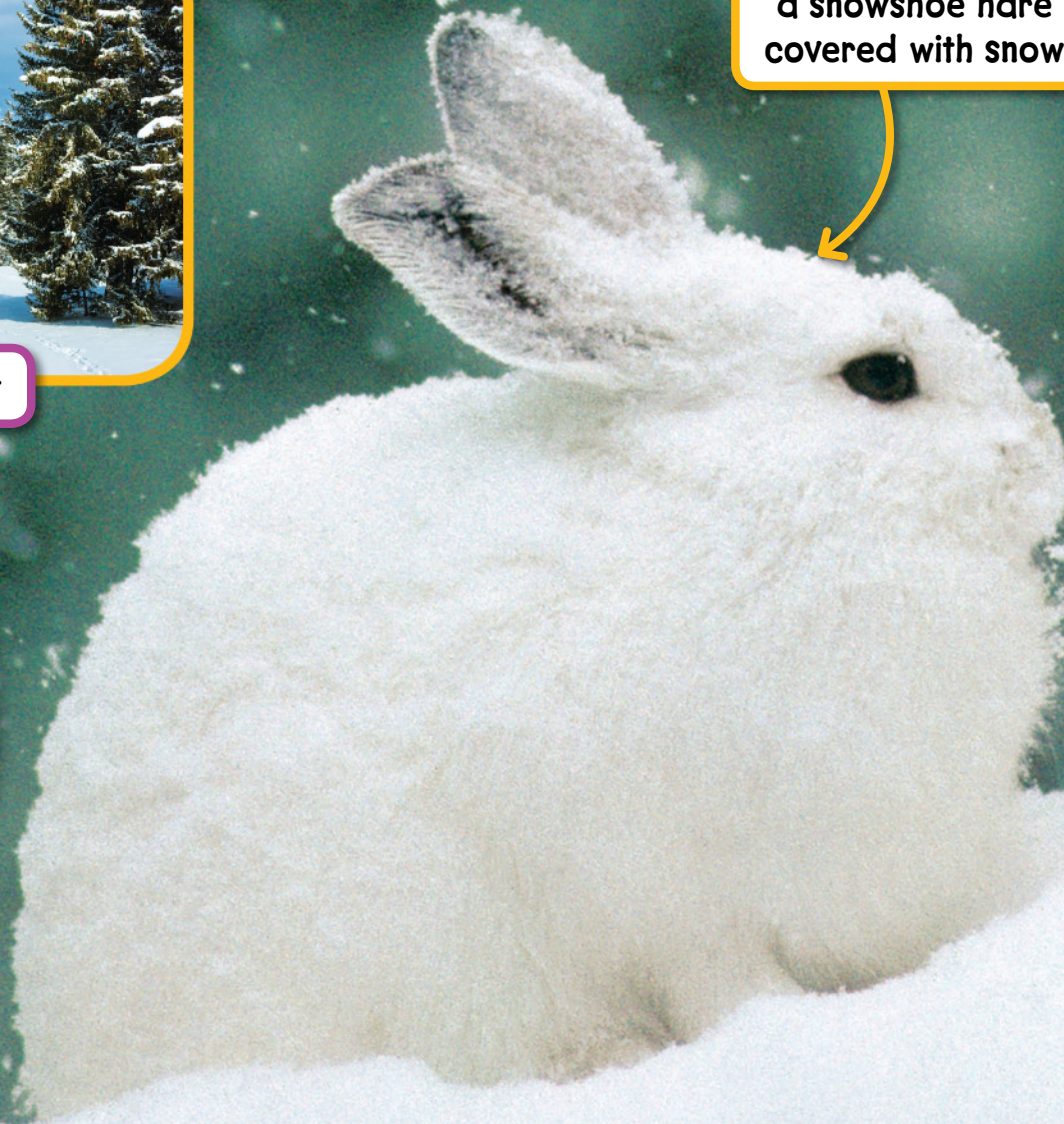




evergreen forest

Some snowshoe hares live in **evergreen** forests. Others live in forests where the trees lose their leaves in fall.

a snowshoe hare covered with snow



What kinds of food do you think snowshoe hares eat in a forest?

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Answers for page 22



1) A bobcat



2) A rock ptarmigan



3) A great gray owl



4) A snowshoe hare

The hare and ptarmigan have camouflage to help them hide from predators.
The bobcat and owl have camouflage to hide from the animals they hunt.

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Snowshoe Hare

In a snowy forest, a small animal with white fur is munching on evergreen branches. After it has finished eating, the snowshoe hare hops over the forest floor. Its huge feet act like snowshoes and keep it from sinking into the deep snow.

Inside this book, you'll discover many fascinating facts about snowshoe hares, including how their white coats help them stay safe from predators, how baby hares grow into adults, and how the hares' bodies are adapted to the extreme cold of their Arctic home.

Arctic Fox
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