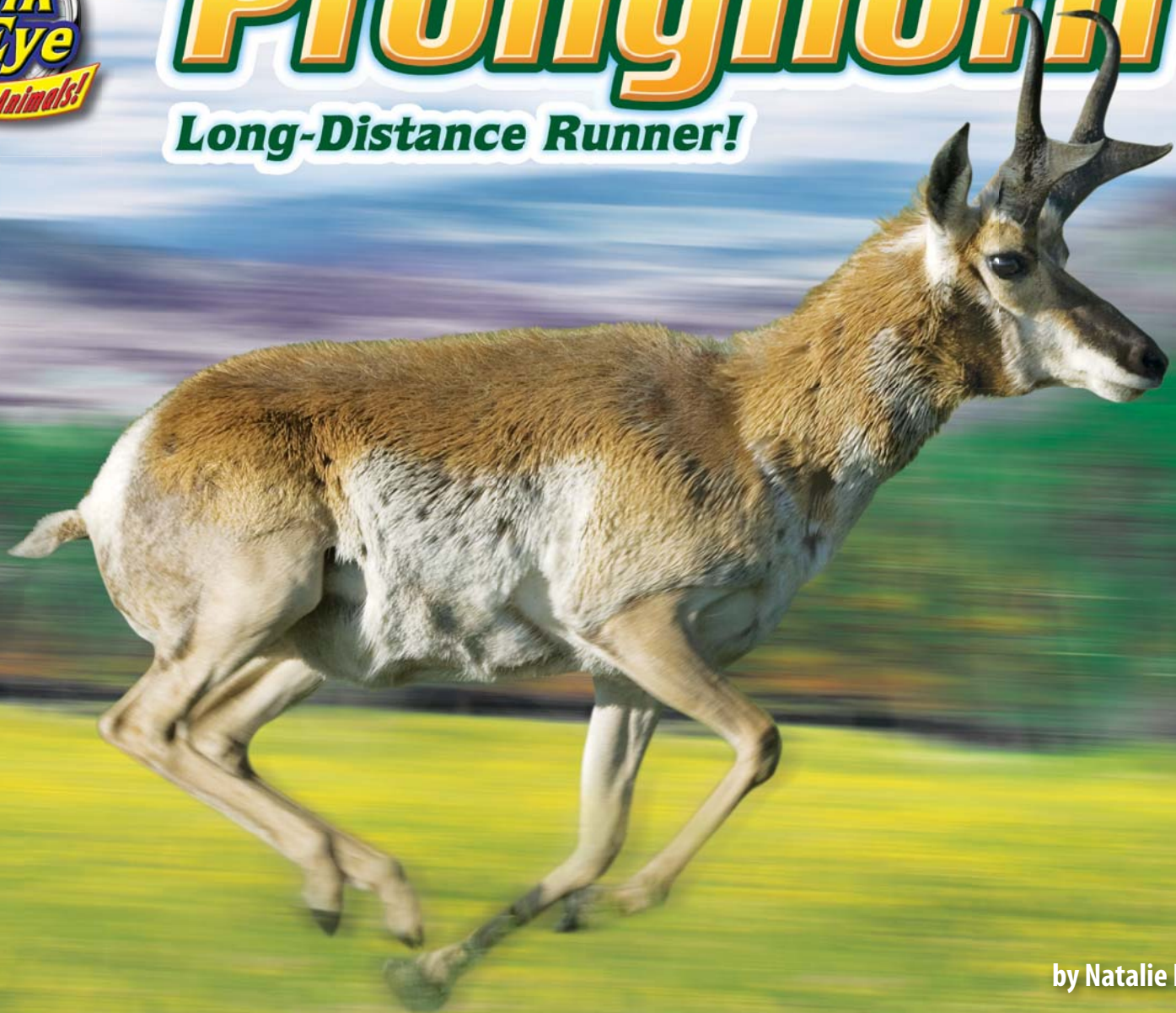




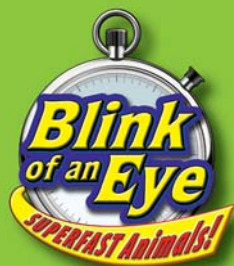
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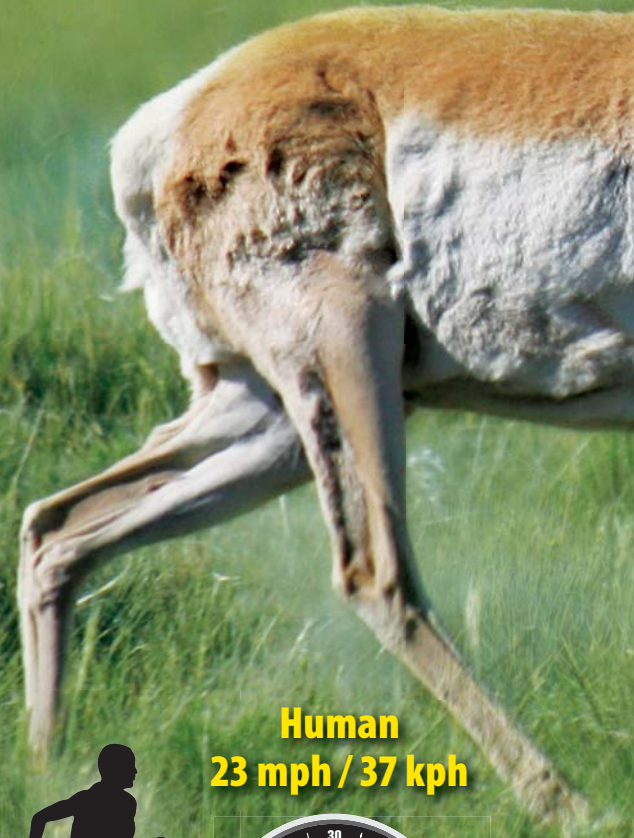
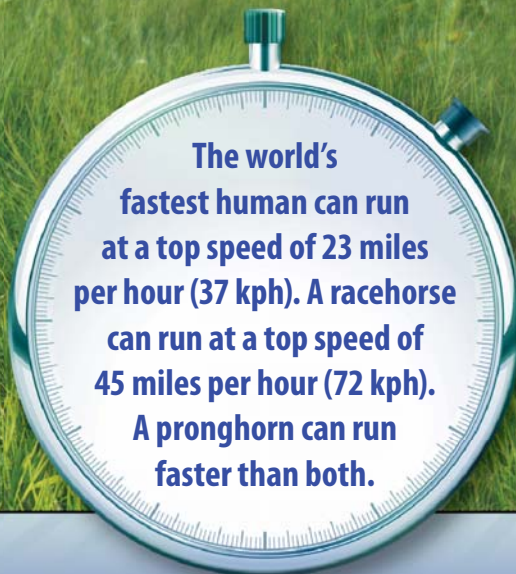


# How Fast?

The pronghorn is the fastest-running animal in North America.

It can reach a top speed of 55 miles per hour (89 kph).

That's as fast as the speed limit on many highways.



**Human**  
**23 mph / 37 kph**







**Racehorse**  
**45 mph / 72 kph**



**Pronghorn**  
**55 mph / 89 kph**



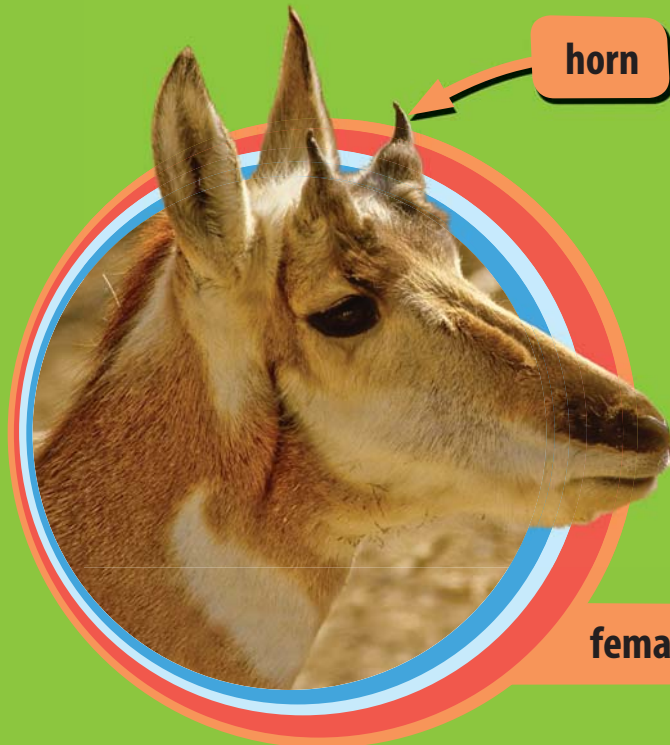


# Horns with Prongs

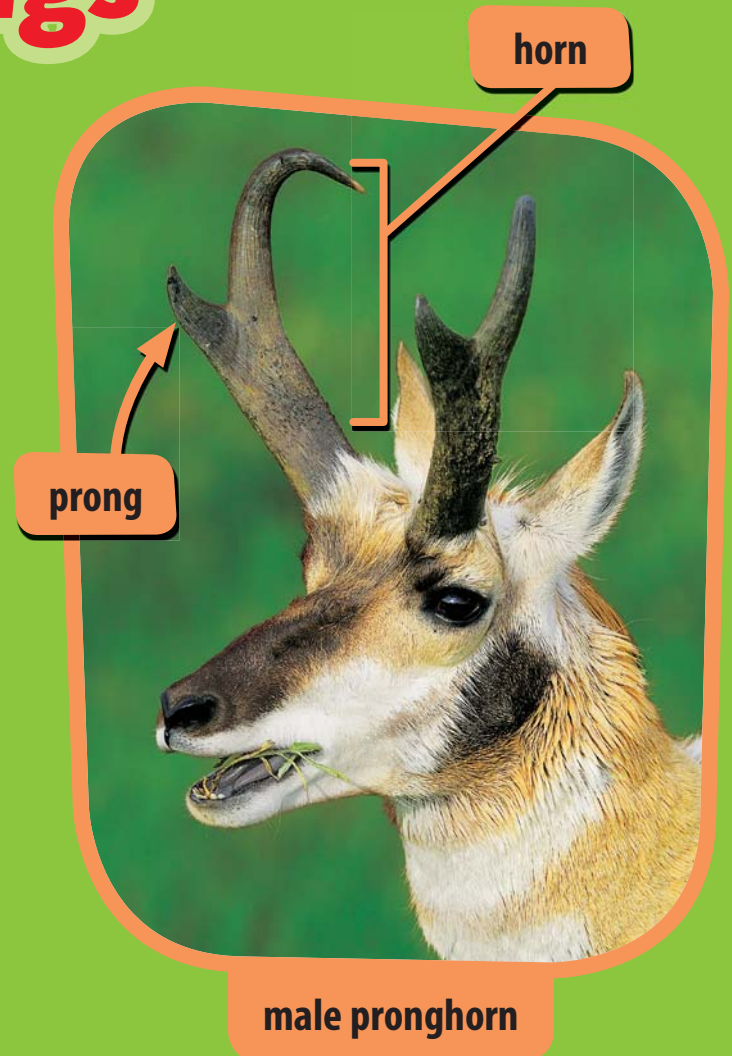
Pronghorns get their name from the horns on their heads.

Only males have horns with branches, or **prongs**, however.

Females sometimes have horns, but their horns are smaller and plainer.



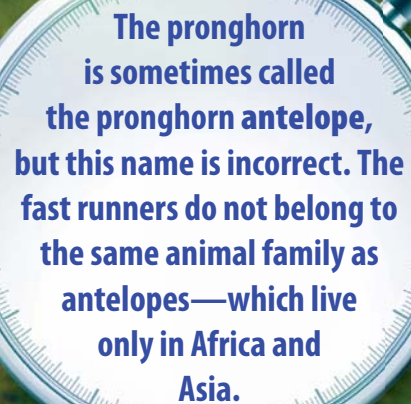
female pronghorn





A photograph of a herd of pronghorns running across a green field. The animals are in various stages of a running stride, with some fully extended and others in mid-air. The background is a blurred green field with some trees in the distance.

antelope

A graphic of a stopwatch with a silver rim and a white face. The face has black markings for seconds and minutes. The text is centered on the face.

The pronghorn  
is sometimes called  
the pronghorn antelope,  
but this name is incorrect. The  
fast runners do not belong to  
the same animal family as  
antelopes—which live  
only in Africa and  
Asia.

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# Pronghorn

## Long-Distance Runner!

Speeding across the prairie at up to 55 miles per hour (89 kph), the pronghorn is the fastest-running animal in North America. The pronghorn has to move fast—the wolves, coyotes, and bobcats that hunt it are fast runners, too! Look inside to find out more about this long-distance champion, including where it lives, what it eats, and the special ways its body helps it reach its record-breaking speeds.

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Lizard Lightning!

**California Sea Lion**  
Fast & Smart!

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