

Mountain Hare

Lepus timidus (Linnaeus, 1758)

The summer coat is brown/grey and becomes entirely white in winter, except for the tips of the ears which remain black throughout the year. It is often found alone. In winter, the hare leaves characteristic Y-shaped tracks in the snow.

Not to confuse

It differs from the European hare in several ways: the mountain hare is more compact, more "rounded". It has shorter ears and a brown/red tail in summer (black tail on top and white underneath in the European hare).

To know

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Common names

Mountain hare

Environment

Forests, grasslands, screes

Altitude

1200-3000m

Size

40-70 cm long

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