



Is that an Alaska hare?

Please report your sightings

Alaska has two hare species!

There are two species of hare in western Alaska, snowshoe hare and Alaska hare (also known as the tundra hare or jack rabbit). The Alaska hare is uncommon and we do not have a clear understanding of abundance, distribution, or habitat use. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is looking for information from local residents to help fill these knowledge gaps.

Here's how to identify them:

Alaska hares are about double the size of snowshoe hares. Although both species turn white in the winter, Alaska hares have distinct black ear tips. Alaska hares also have extremely large hind feet (up to 8 inches long), but they often walk on their toes leaving behind fox-like tracks.

Alaska hare

(*Lepus othus*)

Length: 25 inches
Weight: 10 pounds

Black ear tips



Fur all white even at roots



1/2 – 3/4 inch pellets



1/4 – 1/3 inch pellets



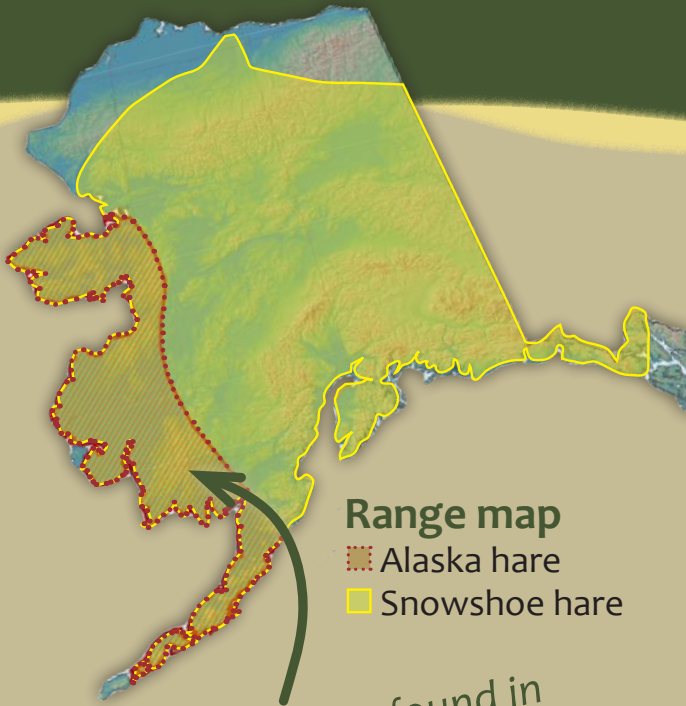
Snowshoe hare

(*Lepus americanus*)

Length: 18 inches
Weight: 3–4 pounds



Fur dark at roots



Alaska hares are found in open, upland tundra from Kotzebue to the Alaska Peninsula.



Tell us when you see an Alaska hare!

We would like to know if you have seen Alaska hares recently. Please send Alaska hare photos to small game biologist, Rick Merizon at richard.merizon@alaska.gov.



Have you noticed changes in Alaska hare populations?

We would like to hear about any changes in Alaska hare distribution or abundance that you have noticed during your lifetime.



To report: email, call, or use this postcard!

Fill out the backside of this postcard and drop it off at any mail collection location (postage is free). Or, contact Rick Merizon, richard.merizon@alaska.gov; (907) 746-6333. For more information visit www.adfg.alaska.gov > education > citizen science.

Yes, I saw an Alaska hare!

Please send Alaska hare photos and additional observation details to small game biologist, Rick Merizon: richard.merizon@alaska.gov; (907) 746-6333.



Date(s) of hare observation: _____ Time of day: _____

Number of hares: _____

Behavior: _____

Type of habitat: _____

General location: _____

Yes, I observed changes in Alaska hare populations over my lifetime:

Please describe changes in Alaska hare distribution or abundance here:

Your name: _____

Phone or email: _____

Can we contact you about your observation?

Circle one: Yes, contact me! No, not at this time

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Rate your Alaska hare experience:

1	2	3	4	5
I've hunted them most of my life			I just saw one for the first time	