Arctic hares are small mammals that look like rabbits. Arctic hares live in the Arctic tundra. They can survive in extremely cold and harsh conditions. They are covered with thick white fur with black tips on their ears in winter. In spring and summer they are a bluish-grey.

They are omnivores and eat woody plants, mosses, lichens, leaves, buds and berries. They are very fast animals and can reach the speed of 40 miles per hour and travel a distance of 6.8 feet in a single leap!

Even though they do not hibernate during the winter, Arctic hares will gather in groups in underground burrows to keep each other warm.

Arctic hares have very large hind feet which help them move across the snow (they act like snowshoes). Their front feet are equipped with long claws which are used for digging of burrows in the ground and finding food hidden below the snow.

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