

MORE ON THE ANIMALS

The Saiga is a rare antelope found only in Kazakhstan. They are smaller than the pronghorn, a buff/tan color, and have fairly short, translucent horns that turn in at the top and have black tips. The most distinguishing characteristic of this animal is its trunk-like nose. It is a large, flexible organ that is useful in prewarming the cold air it breathes. Temperatures routinely drop to 30 below in the dead of winter. The oddly shaped nose also helps the antelope sense distant water sources. It is a game animal that very few people have hunted.

The Siberian ibex (*Capra ibex sibirica*) is a majestic species of goat that lives at the top of the world. Its long, scimitar-shaped horns can sweep back over its shoulders some 50 inches or more. It averages about 225 pounds and is the same color as the rocks it lives in—grayish brown. These ibex have a long, pointed chin beard and stand about 40 inches at the shoulder.