

ホーリー・マーモット (Hoary Marmot)



ナブレット付近にて



ウィスラー山 ラウンドハウス・ロッジ付近にて

HOARY MARMOT (*Marmota Caligata*)

Although the pika and hoary marmot share the same harsh alpine environment, their coping strategies are very different. Unlike its tiny, hard-working neighbour the marmot spends its summer lolling in the sun, eating, getting fat, eating more and getting fatter. When the weather turns cold it simply retreats to its den and goes to sleep for a nap, but a state of deep hibernation that can last for seven or eight months, its metabolism slows, body temperature and heart rate drop, and the marmot survives the winter in a state of suspended animation oblivious to snow and cold.

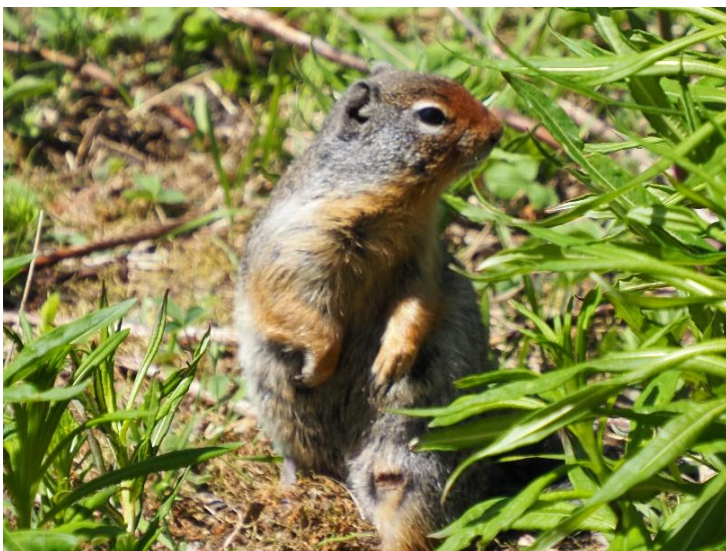
The hoary marmot, which can weigh up to 10 kilograms (over 20 pounds), is the largest of North America's

squirrels. They live in territorial groups and when danger is detected give a piercing whistle - hence their nickname and the name of Whistler Mountain. In recent years, their warning whistle has failed to protect them from a new danger. Increasing numbers of coyotes are moving into the area and the wily, wild dogs are taking their toll on the local marmot population.



ウィスラー山のスカイブリッジ付近に掲示されていた
Hoary Marmot の説明

コロンビアジリス (*Urocitellus columbianus*)



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