

Double Humped Camels

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About Double Humped Camels

- Double Humped Camels or Bactrian camels, have two humps on their backs where they store fat.
- Scientific Name: *Camelus bactrianus*
- Distribution:
 - They are native to the harsh and arid regions of Central Asia.
 - They occupy habitats in Central Asia from Afghanistan to China, primarily up into the Mongolian steppes and the Gobi desert.
 - A small population of Bactrian camels exists in the Nubra Valley of Ladakh.
- Features:
 - They are up to 10 feet (3.0 m) long and weigh 590-1000 kg.
 - They are smaller and more slender than the one-humped dromedary camels found in Africa and the Middle East.
 - Their fur color varies from beige to dark brown.

- They have thick, woolly coats that provide warmth during the cold months and insulation from the desert heat, and they shed this for the summer months.
 - Lifespan: 50 years
 - They typically live in herds of 6-20 members, although they can occasionally be solitary or in groups of up to 30 individuals.
 - Diet: They are omnivores but are primarily herbivores that constantly graze on grasses.
 - Conservation Status:
 - IUCN Red List: Critically Endangered
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Q1) Where is Gobi desert?

The Gobi Desert basin lies across southern Mongolia and northwestern China between the Mongolian Altai and Khangai mountains and the Himalayan Plateau . This region is a cold desert with a continental climate and long, cold winters.

Source: [Army deploys double humped camels for logistical support in eastern Ladakh](#)

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