

SNOWSHOE HARE

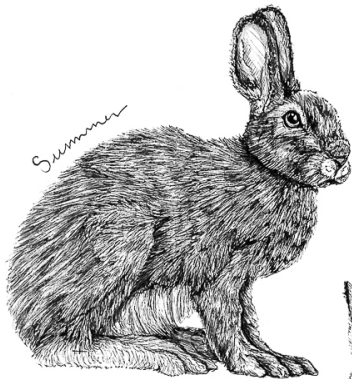
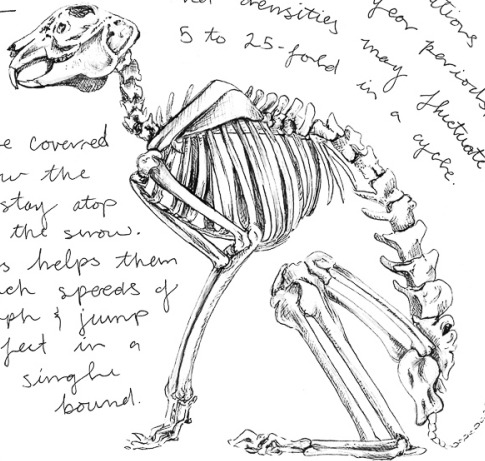
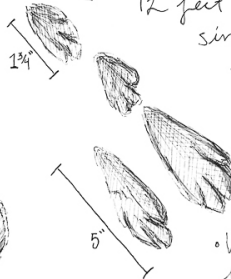
Lepus americanus

Snowshoe hare populations
cycle in 8 to 11 year periods,
and densities may fluctuate
5 to 25-fold in a cycle.



Large hind feet that are covered in fur allow the hare to stay atop of the snow. This helps them reach speeds of 30 mph & jump 12 feet in a single bound.

direction of travel



Seasonal coat color change helps with camouflage & is controlled by photoperiod (day length). Coat is longer in the winter months.



IDENTIFICATION

- White fur in the winter & reddish-brown in the summer.
- Tips of ears are always black no matter the season.
- Hind legs are noticeably larger.
- Snowshoe hares live in boreal forests.

SIZE: 18 to 20 in WEIGHT: 3 to 4 lbs

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