



It Doesn't Roar

Unlike other big cats, this mountain predator cannot roar. Instead, it makes sounds like meowing, hissing, purring, and a special 'coughing' noise.

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place the card above!*

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Ghost Among the Rocks

Lives in such remote mountain areas that locals often call it a 'ghost'. It can remain unseen by humans for a lifetime.

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Jumping Champion

Can leap up to 15 meters in length — the length of a bus!
Easily crosses deep gorges and steep cliffs.

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Master of Camouflage

Its grayish-white fur with spots provides perfect camouflage among snow, rocks, and shadows.

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Tail Like a Scarf

The long, bushy tail helps maintain balance and also acts as a warm scarf during cold mountain nights.

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Prefers Solitude

Leads a solitary life. Each individual has its own territory, rarely shared with others.

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Whiskers Like Radars

Long, sensitive whiskers help detect obstacles in darkness, fog, and snowstorms.

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Unique Fur Pattern

Each individual can be identified by its unique fur pattern — like human fingerprints. Scientists maintain databases of these 'passports'.

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Unique Sight Hound

This rare Kyrgyz sighthound breed is well adapted to high-altitude terrains and is known for its speed, agility, and endurance.

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Hunting Skills

Traditionally used to hunt foxes, wolves, and marmots in the mountainous regions of Kyrgyzstan.

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Physical Traits

Has long legs, narrow chest, strong lungs, and thick coat suited for cold climates.

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Silent Tracker

Hunts primarily by sight, silently following prey across rocky slopes with precision and stamina.

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An animal of Honor

In the past, only noble families had this animal. It was treated like a treasure and passed down through generations.

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Quiet and Fast

It hunts without barking. Instead, it moves fast and silently, using its eyes to find animals.

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Helps Herders

Besides hunting, this animal also helps herders by watching over sheep and goats in the mountains.

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Strong but Gentle

Although it is strong and brave when hunting, it is also gentle and calm when with people and other animals it knows.

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Kyrgyz Golden Animal

A symbol of strength and freedom in Kyrgyz culture, used in traditional hunting (burkut saluu).

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Very Sharp Eyes

This animal can see very far—even small animals moving on the ground from high in the air. Its eyesight is about 8 times better than a human's.

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Training Tradition

Hunting with this animal is a centuries-old tradition passed down from generation to generation, often starting in childhood.

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King of the Sky

This powerful bird flies high over Kyrgyz mountains. With wide wings and sharp eyes, it rules the sky like a true hunter.

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A Hunter's Partner

In Kyrgyz tradition, people train this animal to hunt other animals, such as foxes and hares. It works closely with its owner during winter hunts.

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Strong and Fast

It dives through the air at high speed and grabs prey with its strong claws. Its wings can stretch wider than a school desk!

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Special Bond with Humans

This animal and its handler can work together for many years. A trained one may stay with its human companion for up to 20 years before being released into the wild.

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Lives in the Mountains

It builds its nest on high cliffs and remote mountain ledges, far from people. It needs space and quiet to raise its young.

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Ancient Heritage

These animals have been part of nomadic life for thousands of years and hold an important place in traditional culture.

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Hardy and Resilient

Able to survive cold winters and hot summers, they thrive on sparse mountain grass and remain strong.

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Unique Appearance

Medium-sized with strong legs and thick coats, they often have dark brown or bay coloring.

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Fast and Agile

Known for their speed and agility, these horses navigate rocky, uneven terrain with ease, making them excellent for herding and travel.

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Kyrgyz Jylky

Known for its endurance, strength, and adaptability to high mountain terrains and nomadic life.

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Cultural Role

Essential in traditional sports (like kok-boru), ceremonies, and daily travel for herding communities.

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Size and Build

A medium-sized animal with a muscular, compact build, known for carrying riders and maintaining excellent balance on rocky mountain slopes.

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Survivor in Harsh Climates

Can survive on sparse forage in freezing temperatures and strong winds.

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Largest of Its Kind

The largest wild species of its kind, native to Kyrgyzstan's high-altitude mountain ranges and known for its massive, curved horns.

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place the card above!*

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Massive Horns

Adult males develop large spiral horns that are used in dominance battles and weigh up to 30 kg.

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place the card above!*

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Habitat and Range

Prefers open alpine meadows and steep, rocky cliffs at elevations above 3,000 meters.

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place the card above!*

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Conservation Status

Classified as threatened due to habitat loss and illegal hunting; now protected under national law.

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Strong Climbers

They are excellent climbers and can easily move across steep, rocky cliffs to escape predators.

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Important for Ecosystem

These animals help keep the mountain grasslands healthy by grazing, which supports many other species.

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Symbol of Strength

In Kyrgyz culture, this animal symbolizes power and endurance, admired for its ability to survive harsh conditions.

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Lives in Groups

These animals live in herds for safety. The group works together to watch for predators and find food.

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Horn Motifs in Culture

The spiral shape of its antlers inspired traditional Kyrgyz ornaments found in yurt decoration, felt rugs, and jewelry.

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Symbol of Nobility and Wisdom

Often associated with elegance, intelligence, and harmony with nature in folk tales and oral poetry.

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Mountain Forest Dweller

Inhabits highland forests and alpine meadows, especially in the Tien Shan and Pamir-Alai ranges.

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Seasonal Migrations

Moves between summer and winter pastures, helping to spread seeds and maintain the balance of mountain ecosystems.

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Velvet Antlers

Grows soft, living antlers in spring, covered in a velvety tissue rich in blood vessels that supports rapid growth.

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Protected Species

Due to habitat loss and overhunting, this iconic animal is now protected in Kyrgyzstan's national parks and nature reserves.

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Featured in Epic Narratives

Appears in heroic legends like Manas and Kurmanbek as a noble guide or symbolic companion.

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Important for Ecosystem

As herbivores, they help keep the plant life balanced and provide food for predators like wolves.

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place the card above!*

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Losing Their Home

These animals need quiet forests and high mountains to live. But people are cutting down trees and building houses in those places.

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then place it aside!

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Illegal Hunting

Even though it's against the law, some people still hunt them for their antlers and meat. This makes it hard for the population to grow.

Read it loud,
then place it aside!

-2 points

Weather is Changing

The climate is getting warmer. Plants that this animal eats are changing, and that makes it harder to find food.

Read it loud,
then place it aside!

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Cold Habitats Are Disappearing

Melting snow and glaciers threaten animals like the snow leopard. We must act now to keep mountain climates stable.

Read it loud,
then place it aside!

-2 points

Too Many Farm Animals

When sheep, cows, and goats eat all the grass, there's not much left for wild animals to eat.

Read it loud,
then place it aside!

-2 points

Forgetting Traditional Knowledge

In the past, people saw this animal as sacred and special. Today, some people are forgetting those traditions and no longer protect them.

Read it loud,
then place it aside!

-2 points

Mining in the Mountains

Mining brings pollution, loud machines, and people into quiet mountain areas. This scares animals away and ruins their habitat.

Read it loud,
then place it aside!

-2 points

Trash and Pollution

Plastic, garbage, and chemicals left in nature can make animals sick and ruin the water they drink.

Read it loud,
then place it aside!

-2 points

Share the Stories

Talk about these animals and why they matter. The more people know, the more they'll care.

Read it loud, choose the animal to protect, place the card above!

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Say No to Illegal Hunting

If someone wants to hurt rare animals, speak up. Protecting them is brave.

Read it loud, choose the animal to protect, place the card above!

2 points

Make Posters or Drawings

Use your art to show why animals are important. Share at school or festivals to inspire others.

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2 points

Ask Elders for Stories

Many elders know legends about sacred animals. Learning these stories teaches you to love and protect them.

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Water Is Life

All animals need clean water to survive. Don't waste water or pollute rivers and lakes—they are part of the natural chain.

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2 points

Be a Friend to Nature

Walk quietly in nature and leave no trace. Wild animals need peace and quiet to feel safe.

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Every Animal Has a Role

When one animal disappears, the whole ecosystem changes. Protecting one species helps many others survive.

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Rotate the Pastures

In Kyrgyz tradition, herders move animals from one pasture to another. This gives the grass time to regrow and keeps the land healthy for wild animals too.

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Ат — адамдын канаты

The horse is the wings
of a man.

Read it loud, choose the animal to protect,
place the card above!

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Карышкырдын оозу
менен эл болбойт.

You can't build a
nation with the mouth
of a wolf.

Read it loud, choose the animal to protect,
place the card above!

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Жерге жакшылык
кылсаң, жер сага
жакшылык кылат

If you are kind to the land,
the land will be kind to you.

Read it loud, choose the animal to protect,
place the card above!

1 point

Токой байлыгы – эл
байлыгы.

The wealth of the forest is the
wealth of the people.

Read it loud, choose the animal to protect,
place the card above!

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Ээрчиген эчки
сойгондо кош урат.

The goat that follows another
ends up in the same fate.

Read it loud, choose the animal to protect,
place the card above!

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Жайлоону жайында
сакта, кыштоону
кышында сакта

Care for the summer pasture
in summer, and winter
pasture in winter.

Read it loud, choose the animal to protect,
place the card above!

1 point

Жер жаманды
унутпайт

The land does not forget bad
treatment.

Read it loud, choose the animal to protect,
place the card above!

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Жерге түкүрбө –
ырысыңа түкүрбө

Don't spit on the ground –
don't spit on your blessing.

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place the card above!

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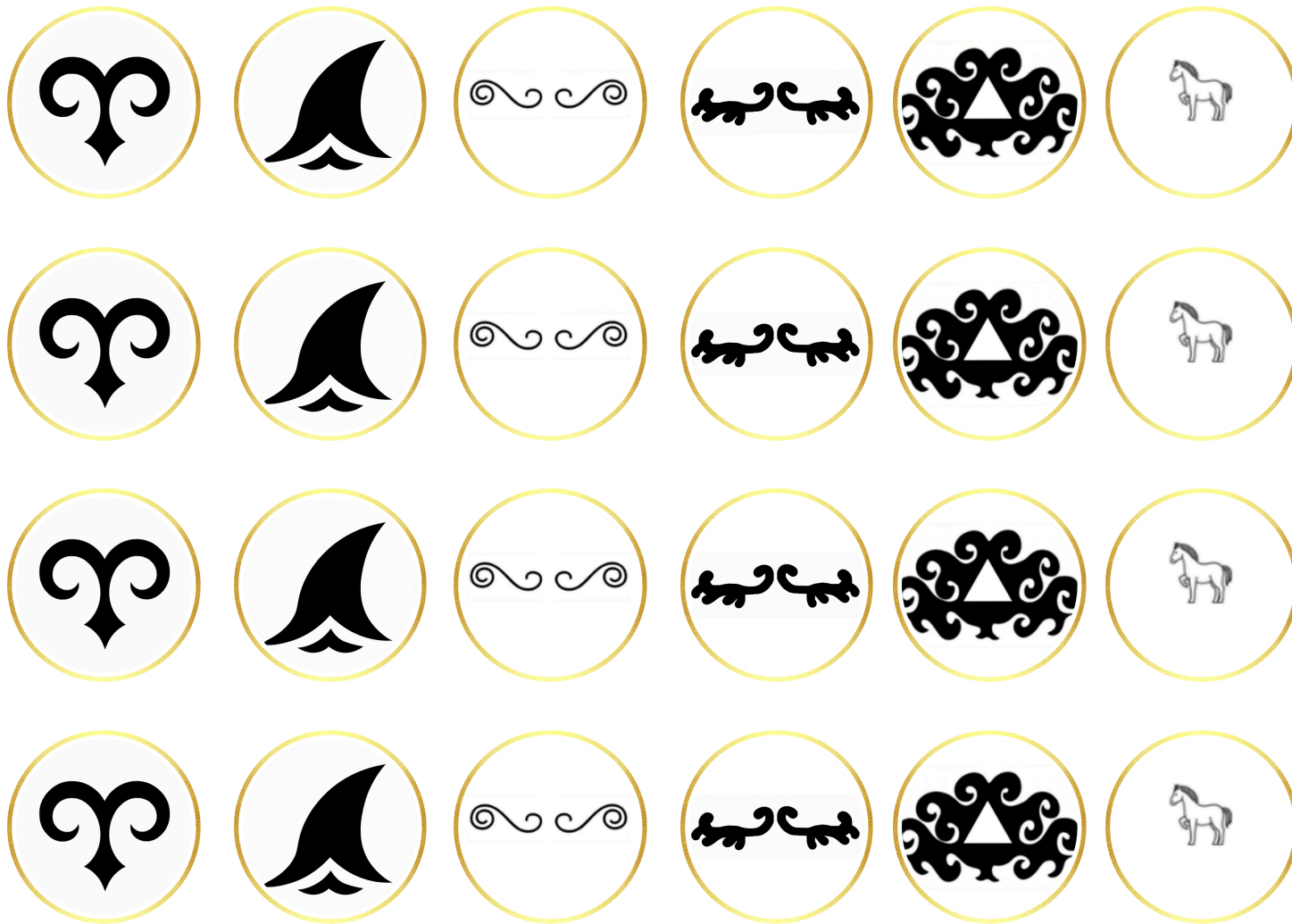
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