



BLANDFORD URIAL
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Blanford Urialschaf (G), *Urial de Blanford* (F). Also called **Baluchistan urial**. Local names are *gad* (or *ghad*). Named after British zoologist W. T. Blanford.

DESCRIPTION Shoulder height up to 30 inches (76 cm). Weight up to 80-90 pounds (36-41 kg). Similar to the Afghan urial, but smaller, with a lesser bib and neck ruff and no distinct saddle patch.



DISTRIBUTION Pakistan, south of Quetta and west of the Indus River. May possibly extend into southeastern Iran. Boundaries with the Kerman hybrid sheep to the west are unclear.

HABITAT Arid hills.

TAXONOMIC NOTES Although listed as a subspecies by Ellerman & Morrison-Scott, many authorities continued to treat it as a synonym for Afghan urial. After field study in 1987, Valdez considered it sufficiently distinct to be recognized as a subspecies.