



KORYAK SNOW SHEEP  
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## *Ovis nivicola koriakorum*

A dwarf form of the Kamchatka snow sheep, found further North in the Koryak Mountains in mainland Siberia, above the Kamchatka Peninsula.

**DESCRIPTION** Very similar in coloration to the Kamchatka snow sheep, but about 30% smaller, the white muzzle and rump patch are not as pronounced. This compact sheep has shorter legs in proportion to the body than its southern cousin. Individuals found at the northern extremity of the Koryak Range, exhibit characteristics of the Chukotsk snow sheep, which has a



heavier, lighter coat, of soft, wooly hair.

**DISTRIBUTION** Koryak Mountains, North of 60° N, and East of the Penzhina River, South of the 64° N.

**TAXONOMIC NOTES** First described by Tehernyavsk, 1962