



**GREDOS IBEX  
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**GOLD AWARD  
247**

## *Capra pyrenaica victoriae*

Sometimes called western Spanish ibex or Central Plateau ibex.

**DESCRIPTION** After the Beceite ibex, the Gredos ibex is the largest and darkest in color and has the largest horns.

Typically, the horns are lyre-shaped with a pronounced curve and a spiral turn of more than 180 degrees. Horn thickness decreases progressively from the base to the



very thin tip. While this is the typical Gredos horn conformation, other horn shapes may be found in this region and even in the same herd.

**DISTRIBUTION** Mountains in west-central Spain, especially the Gredos and Batuecas mountains.