

DENALI Wildlife & Wilderness 2022

DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE, ALASKA

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DENALI PARK MAP
& Wildlife Photo Reference

AN ALASKA PHOTOGRAPHERS' CALENDAR



Alpenglow & Kichatna Mountains

photo by Fred Hirschmann

2022 JANUARY



Sunday

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Mt. Brooks

Patrick J. Endres

December 2021

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February

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The coldest and warmest
temperatures recorded at
Denali park headquarters:
-54° F/-48° C, Feb. 5, 1999
91° F/33° C, June 22, 1991

<p>"I hope that the United States of America is not so rich that she can afford to let these wildernesses pass by. Or so poor that she cannot afford to keep them." ~ Margaret Murie</p>						31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
2 New moon ●	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (observed) Full moon ○	18	19	20 Celia Hunter, conservationist, (1919-2001)	21	22	
23	24 First park expansion added land east of Sanctuary River, 1922	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31 New moon ●						



Dall Sheep

photo by Tim Grams

2022 FEBRUARY



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Muldrow Glacier

Patrick J. Endres

January

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Naturalist and hunter Charles Sheldon spent nine years lobbying for legislation to create Alaska's first national park, named Mount McKinley in 1917.

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1 Chinese New Year

2 Marmot Day (Alaska)

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Record low -54°F recorded at park headquarters, 1999

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12 Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

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14 Valentine's Day

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16 Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (Alaska)
Full moon
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21 PRESIDENTS' DAY

22 George Washington (1732-1799)

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25 Heritage Day (Yukon Territory)

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First wedding performed in park, 1945

Mt. McKinley National Park established. Bill signed by President Wilson, 1917

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First winter ascent of Denali, 1967

"We cannot overlook the importance of wild country as a source of inspiration, to which we give expression in writing, in poetry, drawing and painting, in mountaineering, or in just being there."

~ Olaus Murie





2022 MARCH



Aurora over spruce trees

Patrick J. Endres

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Dinosaur fossils in the park dating from 70 million years ago were first discovered in 2005. They include theropods, hadrosaurs, ceratopsians, and pterosaurs.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2 Ash Wednesday New moon ●	3	4	5 Susan Butcher Day (Alaska)
6	7	8 Olaus Murie, biologist, (1889-1963)	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time begins	14 First successful solo winter climb of Denali completed by Vern Tejas, 1988	15	16 Purim begins	17 St. Patrick's Day Full moon ○	18	19 Second park expansion added land to northwest and east sides, including Wonder Lake. Park totaled more than two million acres, 1932.
20 Spring Equinox	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Seward's Day (Alaska)	29 Vietnam Veterans' Day (Alaska)	30	31 New moon ●	"In all things of nature, there is something of the marvelous." ~ Aristotle	



Common Loon

photo by Donna Dewhurst

Sunday

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Alaska cotton grass

Patrick J. Endres

"Like music and art, love of nature is a common language that can transcend political or social boundaries."
~ Jimmy Carter

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Palm Sunday

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Good Friday
Passover
US tax returns due

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Full moon
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Easter

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Easter Monday
(Canada)

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Earth Day

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Arbor Day

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New moon
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Denali's immense surface water system includes approximately 12,206 lakes. The rivers and streams that flow through its mountains and valleys exceed 18,000 miles!

First airplane landing on Denali (Muldrow Glacier) with mountain climbers. Joe Crosson, pilot, 1932





Denali & Fireweed

photo by Ron Niebrugge



Grizzly bear and sign

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mothers' Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Full moon	16 Arbor Day (Alaska)	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23 Victoria Day (Canada)	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY New moon	31	<p>"Somewhere between the bottom of the climb and the summit is the answer to the mystery why we climb."</p> <p>~ Greg Child</p>			

April

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June

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Alaska Natives have lived on the land surrounding Denali for thousands of years, using the resources for food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and trade.

First dog team reached Denali summit, 1979

Two millionth visitor rode Denali Park shuttle bus, 2000

Mt. Huntington, elev. 12,240 ft., climbed by Terry party, 1964





Bull Moose

photo by Harry Walker

2022 JUNE



Caribou antlers and mountain stream

Patrick J. Endres

May

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The shortest day in the park is December 21 with 4 hours, 21 minutes of daylight. The longest day is June 21 with 20 hours, 49 minutes of daylight.

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			1	2	3	4
	"To the lover of wilderness, Alaska is one of the most wonderful countries in the world." ~ John Muir			Harry Karstens appointed first park superintendent; park headquarters established at Nenana, 1921; Denali Park hotel opened, 1939	First ascent of Moose's Tooth, elevation 10,335', 1964	
5	6 D-Day, 1944	7	8 Tatum, Harper, Stuck and Karstens first to reach Denali's South Summit, 1913 Galen Johnson, age 11, youngest climber to summit Denali, 2001	9	10 Bellmore Browne, artist, mountaineer, and park advocate, (1880-1954)	11 Norma Sanders first woman solo climb of Denali, 1990
12	13 Barbara Washburn was first woman atop Denali, 1947	14 Flag Day Full moon ☉	15	16	17	18 First airplane landing in park, Carl Ben Eielson, in a WWI Jenny, 1924
19 Fathers' Day	20 Three Strawn brothers perished in climbing accident, Mt. Foraker, 2002	21 Summer Solstice (Alaska)	22	23	24	25
26	27 Four died in plane crash, Yentna Glacier, 2000	28 New moon ●	29	30	1	2
		Tom Choate, age 78, oldest climber to reach Denali summit, 2013		William Nancarrow named first permanent park naturalist, 1951		



Denali and Wonder Lake

photo by Patrick J Endres



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Patrick J. Endres

Arctic ground squirrel

June

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The first ascent to Denali's summit was achieved on June 7, 1913, by the Sourdough Expedition. Rumor has it, they celebrated their success with hot chocolate and donuts.

"National Parks are the Declaration of Independence expressed on the landscape."
~ Dayton Duncan

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3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 First ascent of Mount Hunter, elev. 14,570', 1954	6 First ascent of Mount Foraker, elev. 17,400', 1934	7 Construction began on pioneer road; 12 miles built from McKinley Park Station to Savage River in two days, 1922	8	9 Alaska Flag Day
10	11	12	13 Full moon ○	14	15 Pres. Warren Harding drove a golden spike to complete the Alaska Railroad, Nenana, 1923	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Bill VonderMehden ran 92- mile park road in 25 hrs., 2011	23 Ted Stevens Day (Alaska)
24 Parents' Day	25	26	27	28 New moon ●	29	30
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Caribou

photo by Marketa S Murray

2022 AUGUST



Polychrome mountains

Patrick J. Endres

July

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In 2015, after a lengthy controversy, Mt. McKinley was officially renamed to its Native Alaskan Athabascan name Denali, which means High One.

Mt. McKinley officially renamed Denali, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Civic Day (Canada) C-123 cargo plane crashed near Mt. Healy, 3 died, 2010	2	3	4	5	6 First ascent of Mt. Foraker, north summit, 19,400 ft., by Houston party, 1934
7	8	9	10	11 Full moon ○	12 \$9.2-million Eielson Visitor Center dedicated, 2008	13 First flight over Denali summit, Matt Nieminen, 1930
14	15 Discovery Day (Yukon Territory)	16	17	18 Mardy Murie, conservationist, (1902-2003)	19	20 William Dall, naturalist, (1845-1927)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 New moon ●
28	29	30	31	<p>"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson</p>		



Denali South Side

photo by Kevin Smith

2022 SEPTEMBER



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Caribou

Patrick J. Endres

August

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Glaciers cover 15.5 percent of the park's land area. Two of the longest are the Kahiltna Glacier (45 miles/72.4 km long) and Muldrow Glacier (34 miles/54.7 km long).

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness..."

~ Mark Twain

McKinley Park hotel burned, 1972

Full moon
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11 Grandparents' Day

Denali flightseeing grounded for 3 days following terrorist attack on two U.S. cities, 2001

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25 Rosh Hashanah begins
New moon
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LABOR DAY

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The Boone and Crockett Club endorsed establishing a national park near Denali, 1915; Denali State Park, 1970

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Fall Equinox

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Grizzly Bear

photo by Hugh Rose

2022 OCTOBER



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Patrick J. Endres

Trumpeter swans

September

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November

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Permanently frozen soils called permafrost underlie about 50 percent of the park's landscape. Few trees grow above 2,700 ft. in elevation.

"A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."
~ Wilderness Act of 1964

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Yom Kippur begins

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Full moon
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COLUMBUS DAY
(observed)
Indigenous People's
Day (Alaska)
Thanksgiving
(Canada)

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Alaska Day
(Alaska)

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Charles Sheldon, naturalist,
author and advocate for
Denali NP, (1867-1928)

Tallest unnamed peak in
park named for Sen. Ted
Stevens, 2010

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Virginia Hill Wood,
conservationist, 1917-2013

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New moon
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Halloween





2022 NOVEMBER



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Denali

Patrick J. Endres

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Only 8 species of trees occur in the park: black spruce, white spruce, larch, quaking aspen, balsam poplar, black cottonwood, paper birch, and Alaska birch.

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Daylight Savings Time ends

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USAF C-119 crashed into Mt. Silverthorne (elev. 13,320 ft.), killing 19 people, 1952

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Marcus Tyler reported for duty as first permanent park ranger, 1921

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Election Day
Full moon
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New moon
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Order next year's Denali calendar online at GreatlandGraphics.com

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Park shaken by 7.9 earthquake, 2002

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24 ^{THANKSGIVING}

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VETERANS DAY
Remembrance Day (Canada)

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Hudson Stuck, missionary, mountaineer, (1863-1920)

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~ Wallace Stegner





Lynx

photo by Ryan Miller

2022 DECEMBER



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Patrick J. Endres

Bull and cow moose

November

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January 2023

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Snow can fall every month of the year in the park. The three seasons of spring, summer, and fall are compressed into June, July, August, and September.

"The most dangerous worldviews are the worldviews of those who have never viewed the world."
~ Alexander von Humboldt

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Pearl Harbor Day
Full moon
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Pres. Carter signed Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 1980

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Hanukkah begins

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Winter Solstice

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New moon
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CHRISTMAS DAY

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Boxing Day
(Canada)

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New Year's Eve



DENALI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE

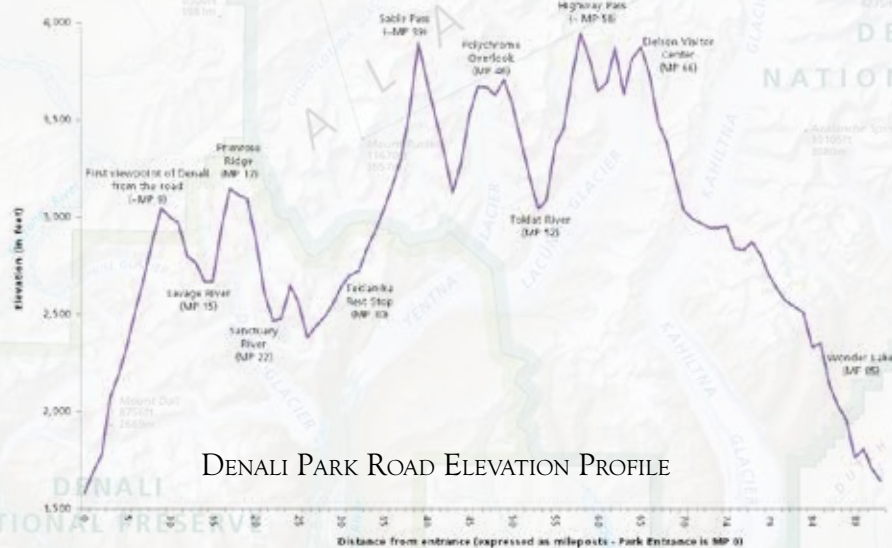
Denali National Park and Preserve is one of the world's most scenic and wildlife-rich national parks. This is also the reason that more than 400,000 people visit Denali each year to hike, backpack, photograph, and enjoy its wilderness beauty. The park and preserve combined are 6,075,029 acres, larger than the state of Massachusetts. Situated in the heart of the Alaska Range, the park's mountain weather is dynamic and constantly changing. Denali crowns the Alaska Range as North America's tallest mountain, rising to 20,310 feet (6,190 m). In 2015 Mt. McKinley was officially renamed Denali, its Athabascan name meaning the "The High One."

DENALI PARK ROAD

The Denali Park entrance is located 123 miles from Fairbanks and 237 miles from Anchorage. The park has only one narrow and windy gravel road that penetrates 92 miles into the park on the Alaska Range's north side. Beginning at 1,585 ft. (483m), it crosses four mountain passes—the highest at 3,900 ft. (1188m). Private vehicles have been restricted to the first 14-mile paved section of the road since 1972 to minimize impacts on wildlife. Beyond that point, a transit system of buses take visitors into the park to enjoy the region's beautiful landscape, views of Denali, and wildlife along the road.



Denali Park Road Elevation Profile



DENALI PARK ROAD ELEVATION PROFILE

VISITING DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE



Since private vehicle travel into the park is prohibited, the park offers a shuttle bus service. Transit bus trips originate at the Denali Bus Depot near the park entrance and operate from late May until early September. Transit bus ticket prices vary with the length of the trip into the park. Buses stop for wildlife viewing and will let you off at many locations. No food is available inside the park so bring your own. No pets are allowed on the buses. There are six campgrounds in the park, and they

are often full throughout the summer, so plan well in advance. You can obtain the permits required to camp overnight in the wilderness backcountry at the Denali Visitor Center at the park entrance. For bus and campground reservations, see reservedenali.com or call 800.622.7275. A wealth of important information is available at nps.gov/dena.

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2023

JANUARY							APRIL							JULY							OCTOBER						
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WHAT DID YOU SEE WHILE VISITING DENALI?



Arctic ground squirrel (*Spermophilus parryi*)



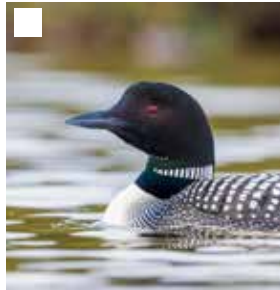
Beaver (*Castor canadensis*)



Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*)



Collared pika (*Ochotona collaris*)



Common loon (*Gavia immer*)



Common raven (*Corvus corax*)



Coyote (*Canis latrans*)



Dall sheep (*Ovis dalli*)



Grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*)



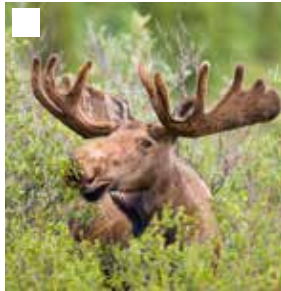
Golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)



Hoary marmot (*Marmota caligata*)



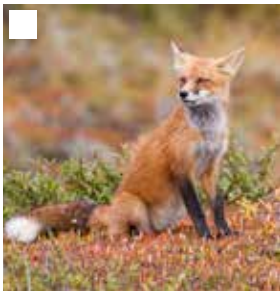
Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*)



Moose (*Alces alces gigas*)



Porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*)



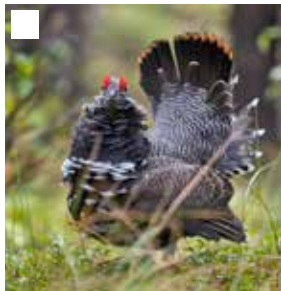
Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)



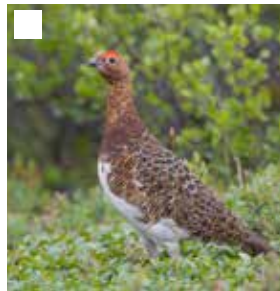
Short-tailed weasel (*Mustela erminea*)



Snowshoe hare (*Lepus americanus*)



Spruce grouse (*Falcipennis canadensis*)



Willow ptarmigan (*Lagopus lagopus*)



Wolf (*Canis lupus*)



Denali

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Dall Sheep TIM GRAMS



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