

Snowshoe Hare

Across

5. A complex carbohydrate (which is an important source of food energy) that forms the structure of the cellular wall of most plants.
7. The Latin name of the Snowshoe Hare. (2 words)
9. When female mammals experience sexual excitement prior to copulation.
10. Non-woody plants that die back after every growing season.
12. The Order of plant-eating mammals with two pairs of incisor teeth that includes, hares, rabbits and pikas.
14. A breeding group of a species.
15. Snowshoe Hares are this colour in the summer.
17. An animal that kills other animals in order to eat.
20. The creation of new individuals through breeding, that allows a species to continue.
21. Where the Snowshoe Hare is usually found.

Down

1. The seasonal shedding and replacement of fur or feathers.
2. The re-ingestion of feces (poop) that allows animals to absorb more plant nutrients and B vitamins.
3. Animals that eat mostly plants.
4. A scientific grouping of mammals with one pair of prominent incisor teeth, including beavers, mice, squirrels and porcupines.
6. Snowshoe Hares eat these in the winter, along with bark and dried grasses.
8. The period of an offspring's development during pregnancy.
11. The fur, wool or hair coat of a mammal.
13. The first front pair of teeth in mammals, chisel-shaped and sharp.
14. Young animals that are born alert, well developed, independent and able to take care of themselves.
16. One of the many predators of the Snowshoe Hare, it's Latin name is *Canis lupus*. (2 words)
18. The colour of Snowshoe Hares in winter.
19. A taxonomic category.

