

Don't Call Us Antelope!

Some people call these animals pronghorn antelope. This is not correct. They are not antelopes at all. Pronghorns are the only animal in the world that shed their horns annually. Their unique horns have a bony core as well as an outer sheath. The outer sheath of the horn falls off each fall and grows back by the following summer. Both males and females have horns. However, male horns are larger and "prong" forward. This is how the pronghorn gets its name.

Pronghorns are light tan and white in color. They blend into their surrounding on the shortgrass prairie of Eastern Colorado. Pronghorns have hollow hair that traps air and keeps them warm during

cold winters. They eat grasses and brush. They are the fastest land mammal in North America reaching speeds up to 53 mph. No other land mammal in the world can outrun a pronghorn over long distances—including cheetahs! Pronghorns mate in the fall. In the spring females give birth to one or two young. The calves can outrun a human in just a few days!

