



# Amazing Animals Fact sheets

## Camels

Whoever would have thought a camel's hump actually stores fat, not water as commonly believed.

### Dromedary Camel

#### Habitat

There are two species of camels, the dromedary has a single hump, and the bactrian has two humps.

Dromedaries, the species of camel we have here at Australia Zoo, are a domestic animal used in dry desert areas. While the dromedary camel's ancestors were native to west Asia, today the only wild camels are feral, having escaped or been released back into the wild, right here in Australia.

#### Diet

Camels typically graze on shrubs, leaves and grasses. They will tackle thorny bushes, saltbushes and other plants which most animals can't eat.

#### Breeding

The breeding season for camels depends on the availability of food and the climate so the season will vary depending on where in the world the camel lives.

A female camel, called a cow, is pregnant for just over one year. In the wild, camels will usually only have one baby every two years.

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