

Marmota olympus

Olympic Marmot

Order: Rodentia

Family: Sciuridae



Marmota olympus - upper left (with *M. caligata* (upper right) and *M. flaviventris* (lower right))

Olympic marmots are highly social, living in groups made up of an adult male, one or more adult females, two-year-olds, yearlings, and young. Their diet consists of grasses and sedges, with flowering plants in season. Coyotes, martens, and eagles prey upon Olympic marmots. Their range is very restricted; they are found only on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State, in alpine and subalpine meadows at elevations of 1,700-2,000 m.

Sexual Dimorphism:

Males are larger than females.

Length:

Range: 680-785 mm

Weight:

Range: 5-7 kg



References:

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