

The Jackaloper

My creature is quite small and furry. He needs to be like this so that he can hide easily from its predator, the lammergeyer or bearded vulture. He has wings, which you might think would help him to escape but they are much larger than his body and so hinder his movement. He has a long, furry tail, which he sometimes uses to curl around branches when he is climbing trees and hanging around. It is thought, that these animals enjoy hanging around and are quite often seen having a snooze upside down in the afternoon. You might think that he lives in the trees because he spends so much time in them but the jackaloper actually lives in a small hole in the ground. He lives here for two reasons, so that he can hide from the bearded vulture and because it is warmer than living in a tree.

The jackaloper has big ears to listen out for its predators but also to locate its favourite treat, the stone marten or beech marten.

Mongolia, where the jackaloper lives, is cold and dry. The winters are very long and the summers are short but wet. During the summer, the jackaloper stays underground a lot, as they may have had a litter of babies.

