

A photograph of a caribou with large, multi-tined antlers standing in a field of yellow and green vegetation. The caribou is facing right, and its body is partially obscured by the text. The background is a soft-focus field of similar vegetation.

Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*) can stand four feet high at the shoulder, and can weigh 130 – 350 pounds. They are excellent swimmers because of their buoyant, hollow hair and wide hooves. They are the only members of the deer family where both males and females develop antlers. Caribou have been a vital resource to Alaska natives of the Katmai area for thousands of years.