

# Desert Animals

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<http://mentalfloss.com/article/57204/20-amazing-animal-adaptations-living-desert>

# Camel



The camel's hump stores fat so a camel can go days without eating. A camel can also drink up to 20 gallons of water at one time. Camels have thick hairs over their ears and eyes, closable nostrils, and wide feet that act like snowshoes in the sand.

# African Pyxie Frog



When the rainy season ends, the pyxie frog burrows underground and seals itself in a mucus sac that hardens like a cocoon. The frog can stay in this sac for up to seven years. When it rains, the sac softens and wakes up the pyxie frog.

# Thorny Devil



The Thorny Devil's skin soaks up water from even muddy puddles. The scales can collect dew (tiny droplets of water) and move it toward the lizard's mouth.

# Sand Grouse



The Sand Grouse has special feathers on its belly that can soak up a small amount of water. Males will soak up water in these feathers and carry it back to the nest to give water to the female parent and chicks.