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Snowshoe Hare *Lepus americanus struthopus*



Ekinu'tmasimk

- Pikwelkik Apli'kmujk Unama'kik. Apli'kmuj sa'sewamkwa'sit pemipunqek, tupkwanamuksit nipk aqq wape'k kesik kulaman kisikasitew.
- Apli'kmuj kaqi'sk teli-ksua'lut nkutey wenjui-apli'kmuj. Apli'kmuj weskwijiniuit maqamikek, pantetekl wpukikl aqq suel kisi-ala'sit. Wenjui-apli'kmuj weskwijiniuit lamqamu'k, kepjoqtekl wpukikl, mu wusapunik aqq l'pa mu kis-maliamsik.
- Kisikwet Apli'kmuj na'tamiaw 33 cm mi'soqo 46 cm tel-pittaqsit aqq 1.5 kg. mi'soqo 2 kg. teli-ksikul. Maqsitat, pita'ql wto'jeml aqq metkwe'kl sapunn wkwatkl tel-weketoql nkutey aqamk al-weskittukwi'k wastew-iktuk.
- Apli'kmuj malqutkl milamu'kl saqliaqewe'l, we'kaw msiku, enske'kl(dandelion? weed), wasuekl aqq mitie'k, maskie'k aqq l'mu'ji'mnaqsie'k nipi'jk. Kesik malqutkl wisqasoqji'jl, nipisoqnn, pka'w aqq stoqne'l psetkunn. Wikual etekl tmoqta'w-iktuk kisna lame'k stoqnk. Tepkik tewita'jik wikual naji-pskwetamultijik. Mu teli-pskwetamik Apli'kmuj nnkutey lentuk. Lentuk temeketl nipisoqnn aqq naqtik kiniwek. Apli'kmuj nekm temasqitkl nipisoqnn.
- Pikwelkik pilue'k waisisk ketana'tijik Apli'kmujk, nkutey nika' ku'ku'kwesk, apuksiknk, pqujue'wjik, wowkwisk, u'lukwete'wk, tiake'wjik aqq wskwijinu'k.
- Apli'kmuj ne'tistaqnat aqq kisikasit wantaqpukua'sit, elita'suatk telamuksit mimkwalkun kisna wessimkwat.
- Apli'kmuj kisi-wunaqiet 3m aqq teto'qi-pmiet 17 km/h.
- Apli'kmuj we'jitat ta'pu kisna si'st newtipunqek aqq te's pikwelkik wnijink.



Kikmanaq telua'tijik

Ketanujik Apli'kmujk ke'sk wapo'lti'tij. Wskwijinu'k telui'tmi'tij Apli'kmujue'kemk katu istue'kik na Apli'kmujk aqq Wenjui-apli'kmujk. Kisiku'k kesatmi'tij na'puktaqnikalatij Apli'kmujk mita menueke'tij mal'tew wjit pitew. Mal'tew wiaqtek aji-wikk Apli'kmujuey.

“Ketankik Apli'kmujk welikiskik. Sa'qewey awti elatejimkwey kisna ellikai na nmiates, pemkopit kisna etli-npat na'ku'setew-iktuk.”
–Chad Denny

“Mawi-amskwes naji-na'puktaqnikalkek Apli'kmujk elieyap klujjiewey-iktuk. Kesatm ketank wjit wius (pu'taya'tasik kisna wissukwamk) aqq ewe'wm ankuowey wjit tapsun kisna piljaqnk.”
–Chad Denny

“Puni-ktanujik Apli'kmujk na'tamiaw a'qatiaq Apuknajit mita na tujiw wikumultijik toqo mu ketu' ktanawt Apli'kmuj ketu' wunijanit.”
–Blair “Joef” Bernard



Koqoey wjit weji-ksalu'kik

Na'puktaqnikalut aqq kesiktanut Apli'kmuj wjit ankuoweym, ewe'wmumk eliuat mksisk aqq tapsun.

Ni'n kesatm wissukwalk Apli'kmuj. Ula etek tel-wissukwalut.

Apli'kmujuey

I Apli'kmuj
Salawa'tasik sam'qwan
Wikew wjit mime'ji'jua'taqn
Nukssasit pse'sis
Amali-ika'taqne'l: wisawipuneksijik,
wenju'sipekn, tapatatkl

Eykik wenik ekwija'la'titl newtitpa'q sam'qwan-iktuk kisna wiaqikma'tu'tij so'tlewey kulaman ma' mlkoqsik.

Ika'tu'n wikew aqq pse'sisk wow-iktuk. Tujiw kijka' sista'kwa'lit Apli'kmuj aqq wikew aqq pse'sisk.

Ika'tu'n sam'qwan aqq amali'ka'taqne'l wow-iktuk aqq kwejaqma'tu'n mi'soqo amali'ka'taqne'l ki'tek.

Eykik wenik kesatmi'tij wiaqi-wissukwala'titl plawejl ala'la'tij.

Kis-la'muatesk 4-6 te'sijik wenik.

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ALL The Facts

- Apli'kmuj are common all across Unama'ki. Their colour changes from grayish brown in summer to white in winter to act as camouflage.
- Snowshoe Hares are often mistakenly called rabbits. Snowshoe Hares are born above ground with eyes open, fully furred, and almost ready to run. Rabbits are born blind, hairless, and helpless in underground burrows.
- Adult Apli'kmuj are 33 cm to 46 cm long and weigh 1.5 kg to 2 kg. Their large feet have long toes and stiff hairs that act as snowshoes to support them on snow.
- Apli'kmuj eat a variety of greens, including grass, dandelions, clover, and daisies, as well as leaves of aspens, birch, and willows. In winter they eat buds, twigs, bark, and needles of trees and shrubs. They usually eat at night, coming out from their homes under boughs and logs. Unlike deer, which break off twigs and leave ragged ends, Apli'kmuj neatly slice twigs with their sharp teeth and leave smooth ends.
- Many predators feed on Apli'kmuj, including owls, lynx, bobcats, foxes, coyotes, minks, and humans.
- Apli'kmuj have excellent hearing and avoid being seen by freezing, relying on their colour, or running away.
- They leap up to 3 m and can travel up to 17 km/h.
- Apli'kmuj may have two or three litters of several young each year.



What Our People SAY

When we harvest Apli'kmuj, we get them when they're white. People call it rabbit season but they are in fact Snowshoe Hares and there is a big difference between the two. Elders prefer Apli'kmuj to be snared because they want the blood for making stew. The blood gives the stew a better taste.

"I look for Apli'kmuj on cold, sunny, and clear days. Usually drive or walk down old roads and you see them there, either sitting or napping in the sun."
 –Chad Denny

"My first time snaring Apli'kmuj was up in the mountain behind the cross. I enjoy harvesting them for the meat (either bottled or in stew) and using the fur for clothing such as gloves."
 –Chad Denny

"You stop hunting for Apli'kmuj around February because they mate and you don't want to harm pregnant hares."
 – Blair "Joef" Bernard Jr.



WHY We Love Them

Most often snared, Apli'kmuj are prized for their fur, used as a soft lining and trim for boots and clothing.

One of the favourite ways to enjoy a freshly caught Snowshoe Hare is in the popular and easy-to-make stew. Here's a recipe for you to try!

Apli'kmuj Stew

1 Hare
 Salt water
 Small amount of fat
 Chopped onion
 Vegetables: carrots, turnip, potatoes

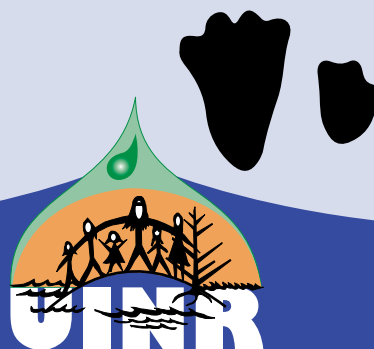
Some people soak the Apli'kmuj in salt water overnight, or boil it in a little soda water for half an hour to tenderize the meat.

Put a small amount of fat in the pot with chopped onion. Brown the Hare on both sides in the fat and onion mix.

Add water and vegetables and cook until vegetables are done.

Some cooks like to add a partridge when available.

Servings: 4-6



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