



Female Characters

Unlike males, Caprini females are often difficult to identify due to their similarities. Here are a few cues to distinguish between them.

- ◆ In general, *Capra* females have a more stocky built compared to *Ovis* & *Pseudois*.
- ◆ Ibex females have thin and parallel horns - usually larger than most *Ovis* (except argali) and *Capra*; have a distinct dark lateral stripe; often females also have a small beard
- ◆ Bharal are similar, but the horns are slightly divergent
- ◆ Urial horns are similar to ibex, but the horns are shorter and instead of a lateral stripe, they have just a black spot under the foreleg
- ◆ Argali females are bigger than all other similar *Ovis* and *Capra*. The horns are relatively large and divergent
- ◆ Markhor females have slightly divergent and twisted horns; lateral stripe is thin and sometimes indistinct.