

Yeti

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Himalayan stories place a shaggy stranger beyond familiar paths. Preserved teeth, skin, and hair brought part of that mystery into laboratories, where the samples acquired very different names.

STATUS	Tested relics identified as known animals
CLASSIFICATION	STR
MATERIAL	Himalaya
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC / SOURCED STORY
CATEGORY	Strange Files
RECORD TYPE	Cryptids
STORY HISTORY	Himalayan traditions; examined specimens reported in 2017

THE ACCOUNT

The Yeti belongs to stories told across the Himalayan region, where the being is often described as a powerful, hairy figure resembling a person. Its modern trail includes more than footprints. Pieces of supposed Yeti skin, hair, bone, and even teeth have been collected, displayed, and passed between owners. Each object carries the promise that the elusive figure left something behind that can finally be examined.

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL

A 2017 investigation studied nine samples attributed to Yetis. Eight came from regional bears; a tooth came from a dog. Researchers compared longer DNA sequences than an earlier controversial study that had suggested an ancient polar-bear connection. The findings identify those particular objects. They do not turn every Himalayan tradition into the same bear story or establish what every witness encountered.

WHY IT STAYS WITH US

The unsettling part of this file is the distance between a relic’s reputation and its material identity. A fragment can remain mysterious for decades, then become familiar in a laboratory. Meanwhile, the mountains and their stories retain meanings that no tissue sample was ever equipped to measure.

WHERE THIS TELLING COMES FROM

Yeti Legends Are Based on These Real Animals, DNA Shows

National Geographic

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/yeti-legends-real-animals-dna-bears-himalaya-science>

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