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Animal Fact Sheet

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American Bison

Bison bison

The American Bison (Bison bison), often misnamed as the buffalo, is a robust herbivore native to North America. Distinguished by its massive head, pronounced shoulder hump, and thick, shaggy mane, th…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Bovidae
Habitat: Grasslands and prairies
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 15-20 years in the wild
Weight: 318–1,000 kg (700–2,200 lbs)
Scientific name: Bison bison

Did you know?

- Bison are not true buffaloes—despite often being called 'buffalo', they are only distantly related to the African and Asian buffalo species.
- Despite their massive size, bison can run at speeds up to 35 miles per hour, showcasing remarkable agility. Unlike the European bison, which primaril…

What I learned

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