

Animal Fact Sheet

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American Bison

Bison bison

The American Bison is the largest land mammal in North America, recognizable by its massive head, humped shoulders, and thick, shaggy brown fur. Once numbering in the tens of millions across the Grea...

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.
- American Bison can run up to 35 miles per hour and are surprisingly agile despite their large size. They use wallows, or shallow depressions in the g...

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