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Animal Fact Sheet

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Collared Peccary

Pecari tajacu

The collared peccary is a medium-sized mammal native to the Americas, often mistaken for a wild pig due to its similar appearance. It has a coarse, bristly coat that is grayish-black with a distincti…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Tayassuidae
Habitat: Deserts, scrublands, tropical forests, and grasslands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 16–27 kg (35–60 lbs)
Scientific name: Pecari tajacu

Did you know?

- Despite resembling pigs, collared peccaries are not members of the pig family but belong to their own separate family, Tayassuidae.
- Collared peccaries have a scent gland on their rumps that they use to mark territory and recognize each other. They are sometimes called 'javelinas' …

What I learned

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