

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Gaur

*Bos gaurus*

The gaur is the largest extant species of wild cattle, native to South and Southeast Asia. Recognized by its massive, muscular build, dark brown coat, and distinctive white 'stockings' on its lower legs.

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Bovidae

**Habitat:** Tropical and subtropical forests, grasslands, and hilly terrain

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Vulnerable

**Lifespan:** 20-25 years

**Weight:** 650–1,000 kg (1,430–2,200 lbs); large males up to 1,500 kg (3,300 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Bos gaurus*

### Did you know?

- Despite their bulk, gaurs are capable of running at surprising speeds and jumping tall obstacles when threatened.
- The gaur is also known as the 'Indian bison', though it is not a true bison. It is the largest species of wild cattle in the world and can leap over ...

### What I learned

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