



AMERICAN BISON

Bison bison



The American Bison, often referred to as the buffalo, is the largest land mammal in North America. Both the males and females have horns. The American Bison used to be found throughout most of North America. However, when the plains were settled by European Americans, bison populations were reduced. Today, they are only found in protected parks and reserves.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The American Bison averages between five and six feet in height and eight to 10 feet in length.

WEIGHT

Full-grown bison can exceed weights of 2,000 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The bison eats constantly. Its diet consists mainly of grasses, sedges and other vegetation.

HABITAT

The bison is typically found in plains habitats.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The bison was once found throughout North America. Today, it is restricted to protected parks and preserves.

FUN FACT

The American Bison has been bred with domestic cattle to form the hardy “beefalo.”