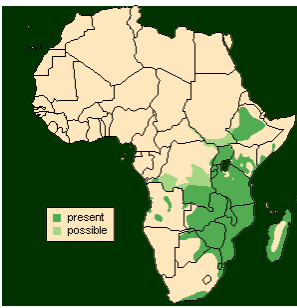


BUSH PIG

Potamochoerus larvatus



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

Bush pigs are two to three feet in height at the shoulder and three to five feet in length.

WEIGHT

The bush pig ranges between 120 and 250 pounds in weight.

FOOD HABITS

Bush pigs are omnivorous, eating carrion, small animals, fruit, roots, and water plants.

HABITAT

The bush pig is found in swamps, mountain forests, grasslands, and moist woodlands.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The bush pig can be found in the eastern parts of Africa and also on the island of Madagascar.

FUN FACT

The bush pig's lower tusks are razor-sharp and can grow up to three inches long.



Bush pigs can often be found following small groups of monkeys, as they discard fruits and other half-eaten tidbits. On average, the bush pig will travel up to 3 miles in one day seeking food and shelter. The bush pig will often seek shelter in dense vegetation. Rainy seasons and cold spells will often result in the bush pig building more elaborate nests to rest in. Occasionally these animals have been spotted engaging in forehead shoving matches. These contests are often over dominance status. The average lifespan for a bush pig is 20 years, with humans, leopards, lions, spotted hyenas, and pythons being the animal's only main predators.

