



COMMON WARTHOG

Phacochoerus africanus

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The average adult common warthog will stand 22 to 27 inches in height.

WEIGHT

Adult males will weigh between 150 and 220 pounds, while the females will weigh close to 120 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The common warthog feeds on insects, bark, roots, grasses, berries, and other vegetation.

HABITAT

Common warthogs prefer thick forested habitats that provide dense cover and have a good supply of water.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Common warthogs are found in the semi-arid zones of the northern and southern African savannas.

FUN FACT

The common warthog was named for the large wart-like features found on the animal's face.



Common warthogs travel in groups called sounders. One sounder usually contains up to 10 warthogs, however larger groups have been sited. The diet of warthogs varies greatly, containing everything from fruit and grasses to insects and small mammals. When food is scarce, these animals have been known to scavenge around carcasses left behind by larger predators. For protection, warthogs will dig burrows, using both their heads and front legs to clear out a tunnel large enough for them to enter back-end first. The warthog always enters the burrow with its head facing the opening so that it can escape danger if threatened.

