



WILD BOAR

Sus scrofa



Wild boars in Europe are sometimes found in large herds (sounders) of up to 100 individuals, although a more typical herd size is 20 individuals. Sounders are made up of females and their young. When males reach maturity, they leave the group and live mainly on their own. Wild boars are generally active at dusk, dawn, and at night. Smell is by far the most advanced of the wild boar's senses. They also has an advanced sense of taste. It is believed that the wild boar speaks a rudimentary language composed of calls, snorts, sniffs, and whistles.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

Wild boars are 2 to 3.5 feet tall at the shoulder with a length of 3 to 6 feet.

WEIGHT

Wild boars can weigh up to 750 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Wild boars are omnivores. Their diet includes fungi, tubers and bulbs, vegetation, grains and nuts, fruit, eggs, small vertebrates, invertebrates, carrion, and manure.

HABITAT

The typical wild habitat of the wild boar is moist forests and shrublands, especially oak forests and areas where reeds are abundant.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Wild boars originally inhabited Europe, Asia, and North Africa. They have been widely introduced to other areas, including the United States.

FUN FACT

In medieval Europe, wild boars were a popular carving in stone churches because they were regarded as a symbol of fertility and good luck.