



## **American bison**

Height: 5.5 feet

The largest terrestrial animals in North America, bison once roamed in herds numbering in the millions, dominating prairie and forest ecosystems. Now reduced to a fraction of their current range and population, bison survive mainly in conservation herds. Bison have an excellent sense of hearing and smell, but cannot see very well, so an entire herd can stampede if it is startled. They can reach speeds of 30 miles per hour (48 kilometers per hour)!

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