# [Wild Boar](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/wild-boar/" \o "Wild Boar):

**Wild Boar Classification and**[**Evolution**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/evolution/)  
The Wild Boar is a [species](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-species) of Wild [Pig](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/pig/), native to the forests of [Europe](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/europe/), north-west [Africa](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/africa/) and it is also found throughout [Asia](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/asia/). The Wild Boar has an extremely wide distribution with the number of estimated Wild Boar subspecies ranging from 4 to 25. Naturally, it is hard to classify them all as they can easily interbreed, so it is widely agreed that there are four main subspecies which are determined by their [location](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-location). They are all very similar in [size](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-size) and appearance, but tend to vary somewhat in [colour](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/" \l "jump-colour), depending on their geographic [location](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-location). The Wild Boar is an extremely adaptable [animal](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-animal) as it is found in a variety of different [habitats](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/habitats/), eats almost anything that will fit in its mouth and not only runs fast, but also swims well too. They are also commonly known as European Wild [Pigs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/pig/), Hogs or simply Boars.  
  
**Wild Boar**[**Anatomy**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/anatomy/)**and Appearance**  
The Wild Boar is a medium-sized [mammal](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-mammal) with a large head and front end, that leads into a smaller hind. They have a thick and course double coat of fur, that consists of a harder, bristly top layer, with a softer undercoat beneath it. The hair that runs along the ridge of the Wild Boar's back is also longer than the rest. The Wild Boar varies from brown, to black, to red or dark grey in [colour](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/" \l "jump-colour), something which generally depends on the individual's [location](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-location). For example Wild Boar individuals found in Western [Europe](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/europe/) tend to be brown, where those inhabiting the forests of Eastern [Europe](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/europe/) can be completely black in [colour](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/" \l "jump-colour). The Wild Boar has incredibly poor eyesight due to its very small-sized eyes, but they also have a long, straight snout which enables them to have an incredibly acute sense of smell.  
  
**Wild Boar Distribution and**[**Habitat**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-habitat)  
The Wild Boar is the most widely distributed land [mammal](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-mammal) on Earth as its native range extends from Western [Europe](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/europe/), right across to [Japan](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/asia/japan/) to the east, and down to the [rainforests](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/rainforest/) of [Indonesia](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/asia/indonesia/)in the south. The four separate subspecies are determined by their [location](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-location) with one inhabiting [Europe](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/europe/), north-western [Africa](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/africa/) and western [Asia](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/asia/); another is found across northern [Asia](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/asia/) and in [Japan](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/asia/japan/); the third inhabits the tropical jungles of [India](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/asia/india/), South East [Asia](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/asia/) and the Far East, with the last being found only in [Indonesia](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/asia/indonesia/). Wild Boars are found in a variety of different [habitats](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/habitats/)including tropical jungles and [grasslands](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/grassland/), but they tend to favour deciduous broad-leafed forests where the vegetation is incredibly dense.  
  
**Wild Boar [Behaviour](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/behaviour/) and**[**Lifestyle**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifestyle)  
Wild Boar are [nocturnal](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-nocturnal) [animals](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-animal) that only come out at night to forage for food. They spend around 12 hours sleeping in a dense nest of leaves during the day, before waking up to find a meal under the cover of night. Female Wild Boars are relatively sociable [animals](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-animal), inhabiting loose territories in [groups](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-group) known as sounders which can contain between 6 and 30 individuals. Sounders consist of breeding females and their young and can often be found in the same area as other [groups](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-group), although the two tend not to mix. Males however, are solitary for the majority of the year, with the exception of during the breeding season when they can be found in close proximity of both the sounders, and indeed other males. Male Wild Boar compete with one another by fighting for the chance to mate with a female.

# Wild Boar Facts:

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| [**Kingdom**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-kingdom)**:** | Animalia |
| [**Phylum**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-phylum)**:** | Chordata |
| [**Class**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-class)**:** | Mammalia |
| [**Order**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-order)**:** | Artiodactyla |
| [**Family**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-family)**:** | Suidae |
| [**Genus**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-genus)**:** | Sus |
| [**Scientific Name**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-scientific-name)**:** | Sus scrofa |
| [**Common Name**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-common-name)**:** | Wild Boar |
| [**Other Name(s)**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-other-names)**:** | Wild Pig, Wild Hog, Boar |
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| [**Group**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-group)**:** | Mammal |
| [**Number Of Species**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-number-of-species)**:** | 4 |
| [**Location**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-location)**:** | Throughout Europe and Asia |
| [**Habitat**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-habitat)**:** | Deciduous broad-leaf forests |
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| [**Colour**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-colour)**:** | Brown, Red, Black, Grey |
| [**Skin Type**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-skin-type)**:** | Fur |
| [**Size (H)**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-size)**:** | 55cm - 100cm (21.6in - 39.3in) |
| [**Weight**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-weight)**:** | 80kg - 175kg (176lbs - 386lbs) |
| [**Top Speed**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-top-speed)**:** | 48kph (30mph) |
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| [**Diet**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-diet)**:** | Omnivore |
| [**Prey**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-prey)**:** | Berries, Roots, Worms |
| [**Predators**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-predators)**:** | Tiger, Wolves, Humans |
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| [**Lifestyle**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifestyle)**:** | Nocturnal |
| [**Group Behaviour**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-group-behaviour)**:** | Sounder |
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| [**Lifespan**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-lifespan)**:** | 15 - 20 years |
| [**Age Of Sexual Maturity**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-age-of-sexual-maturity)**:** | 7 - 10 months |
| [**Gestation Period**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-gestation-period)**:** | 3 - 4 months |
| [**Average Litter Size**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-average-litter-size)**:** | 5 |
| [**Name Of Young**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-name-of-young)**:** | Piglet |
| [**Age Of Weaning**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-weaning)**:** | 2 - 3 months |
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| [**Conservation Status**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-conservation-status)**:** | Least Concern |
| [**Estimated Population Size**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-estimated-population-size)**:** | Sustainable |
| [**Biggest Threat**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-biggest-threat)**:** | Habitat loss |
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| [**Most Distinctive Feature**](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-distinctive-features)**:** | Long, hard and straight snout |