Wild Boar or Wild Pig: Sus scrofa (Non-Native)



This species includes many subspecies and is the wild ancestor of the domestic pig. The Wild Boar has been artificially introduced in some parts of the world, most notably the Americas. Wild Boar are native across much of northern and central Europe, the Mediterranean Region (including North Africa's Atlas Mountains), and much of Asia, as far south as Indonesia.

Adult males are usually solitary, but females and their offspring live in groups called "sounders," which can reach numbers of around twenty animals or more, and will consist of two to three sows (females), one of which will be dominant.

Wild Boar are very destructive to land. They cause extensive damage to wildlife habitat, compete with native species, destroy crops and carry diseases. They may also contribute E. coli to water systems. Because of this, hunting regulations have been changed so that feral hogs may be taken more often, usually with no bag limit.



