

What's the Difference?

Plains Bison

Bison bison
bison



Woods Bison

Bison bison
athabasca



Wisent Bison

Bison bonasus



Cape Buffalo

Syncerus caffer



Water Buffalo

Bubalus arnee



- Bulls average 1800lbs; 5.5-6 feet @ shoulder
- Rounded hump over the forelegs
- Lighter, yellow in color
- Cape forms boundary behind shoulder
- Frizzy hair on head
- Chaps of long hair on forelegs
- Large rounded beard
- Tail short and thin

- Bulls average 2000lbs; 6-6.3 feet @ shoulder
- Taller, square hump in front of forelegs
- Darker, brown in color
- Woolly hair along ribs
- Long, straight hair sloping on forehead
- Little or no chap hair on forelegs
- Smaller, pointed beard
- Tail longer and hairier

- Bulls average 1600lbs; 5.9-6.5 feet @ shoulder
- Short rounded hump behind short neck
- Golden to dark brown in color
- Less shaggy hair
- Longer mane beneath neck
- Horns longer and point forward
- Smaller, pointed beard

- Bulls average 1900lbs; 4.5-5.6 feet @ shoulder
- Strong thick neck forming small hump
- Dark brown to black in color
- Curved horns form together, boss, on top of skull (males)
- Drooping fringed ears
- Hairy skin folds and dewlap under chin

- Bulls average 2600lbs; 5-6.25 feet @ shoulder
- Low square hump
- Skin is dark gray
- Almost hairless
- Horns ribbed and triangular in cross-section
- Legs dirty white up to knees
- No beard

Region

North America
Grasslands

North America
Woodlands

Europe

Africa

Asia