

## Buffalo!

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### Abstract

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### 1. The natural history of buffalo

Most Americans think that American bison are buffalo. However, this is not true.

While there are striking physical differences between the American bison and buffalo, the striking contrast in athletic ability is one of the features that confirmed to zoologists that the two animals were not directly related to each other. Numerous studies, including perhaps the field's most famous on the topic of megafauna (by Allen, Diggs, Kincaid, et al.), have determined that bison tend to gravitate towards sports needing hand eye coordination, largely baseball, while buffalo tend to lean towards sports that require brute strength, mainly American football. Their research concluded that, not only is there a difference between what sports they tend to play, but where they tend to play them as well. Bison have a remarkable propensity to migrate towards Buffalo, NY, to play baseball, while buffalo move towards Colorado to play football. Diggs believes that these are instinctive traits inherent in the animals, handed down via DNA over generations.

Bison and buffalo share a resemblance in appearance, both belonging to the *Bovidae* family. Both are herbivores, primarily grazing on grasses and other vegetation. Bison and buffalo exhibit similar social structures, often forming herds for protection and efficient foraging.

Buffalo have a head that is close in size to that of a cow. Meanwhile bison have a larger sized head. Some measure up to be about the size of a medium boulder.

The bison looks a bit more masculine and rough, as they are larger and have a large hump on their backs. Buffalos have a fancier look to them, as they have mustache shaped horns on their heads that give them a touch of class. Both species have cow-like noses, though.

Buffalo tend to live in warmer climates. This is due to the fact that they have warm kind hearts, so they live in environments that nurture their natural warmth. Bison on the other hand, reside in cooler climates because they are cold hearted creatures and like their habitat to match their aesthetic.

Bison and buffalo look very similar, but they have one main difference, Bison have a hump on their back and buffalo do not

Buffalo are indigenous to south asia, like the water buffalo, while bison are indigenous to America and Europe

Bisons use their hump to clear snow, and have larger horns than buffalo. The buffalo have smaller, sharper horns than the bison.

Most Americans think that American bison are buffalo. However, this is not true. The truth of the matter is, bison have a huge hump on their back! While our bestie the buffalo does not. Bison are also big boys with bigger heads and buffalo are just lil' guys (bigger than us of course, but smaller then their cousins the bison). Bison like to live in colder tougher climates than buffalo, hence the bison's thicker coat and skin. Both enjoy the open woodlands, prairies and grasslands. There are two main species of Buffalo: The African or Cape buffalo (*syncerus caffer*) and the wild Asian water buffalo. They can weigh between 1,500 to 2,650 pounds. The water buffalo is about 8 to 9 feet long and the African buffalo is a little more than 4 feet long. These two buffalo are very different from American buffalo who are actually bison. Yes, no True buffalo are from the city of Buffalo! The only other extant bison species is the European bison, all other known bison species such as the *bison latifrons*, also known as the giant bison no longer exist (no more floof.) These bison inhabited North America during the Pleistocene epoch. It seems they began to disappear right before the last Ice Age, most likely due to the climate change affecting their food. These beauties could weigh up to 3,500 pounds were roughly 7.5 feet tall (wow thats huge.)

Historical accounts describe the American bison's geographical range as extending from the Arctic Taiga to as far south as the grasslands of Mexico! Though it is still disputed how reliable these sources are, it is clear before humans became the main predatory problem towards bison, their free roam range was large and expansive. Speaking of humans, as European settlers began to immigrate to North America and the transcontinental railroad began to be built, it only disrupted the natural habitats of countless tribes and animals, especially bison. By the late 1800s only as much as 1,000 bison were left.

According to archeological data water buffalo are native to the western Indian Subcontinent. Their migration from domestication to eventually outward spread is very interesting. During this time humans began to domesticate them and trade from the east to west through trade routes like the silk road began to appear. The geographical migration of river buffalo shows that they went west, even so far as Egypt, the Balkans and even 7th century Italy.

Bison and buffalo are two different species of animals. Bison include two main species, the American bison and the European bison, whereas buffalo include species like the African buffalo and the Asian buffalo. Bison typically have shorter, curvier horns that point upward, while buffalo often have longer, more massive horns that curve outward and then up. Bison are primarily found in North America and Europe, while buffalo inhabit Africa and Asia.

American bison are native to North America, particularly the Great Plains, and are the largest land animals in North America. They played a crucial role in the history and culture of Native American tribes. European bison are also known as the Wisent and are found in parts of Eastern Europe. It is the continent's heaviest land animal and has been successfully reintroduced in some regions.

African buffalo are native to sub-Saharan Africa, the African buffalo is known for its unpredictable nature and is considered one of the "Big Five" game animals. They often form large herds and are found in various habitats. Asian buffalo are known as the water buffalo, this species is widespread in Asia. Domesticated forms of the Asian buffalo are used for various purposes, including agriculture and transportation.

American bison have a distinctive hump on their shoulders, which consists of muscle supported by long vertebrae. Their fur is dense, providing insulation in cold weather. African buffalo are known for their robust build and distinctive fused horns, African buffalo are considered highly dangerous due to their unpredictable behavior.

American bison evolved in North America and have a long history, with fossil records dating back thousands of years. African buffalo's evolutionary history can be traced back to the Pleistocene epoch, making it a species with a significant evolutionary presence in Africa. Understanding the distinctions between bison and buffalo involves recognizing their unique characteristics, habitats, and evolutionary backgrounds. While bison are primarily associated with North America, buffalo have a broader global distribution across Africa and Asia.

While the city's name is Buffalo, the animal that we use to represent our city is actually the American bison. Meanwhile, an actual buffalo is a completely different animal. True buffalo and a bison can be very easily distinguished between each other in multiple different ways. The first major distinction is their location. Bison are large bovine that have two species that are native to North America and Europe. Buffalo can be most typically found in South Asia (water buffalo) and Africa (cape buffalo). Bison will have a very distinct hump at their shoulder, which allows their head to be used as plow for snow in the winter, while buffalo have no such hump. Buffalo have much larger, more pronounced horns than bison do. Another difference is the amount of hair they have. Bison have very distinct fur mainly around the face and upper body, while buffalo have no such fur. Another distinction between these two animals is their population. Both species of bison are heavily endangered due to the overhunting of them by humans at various points in our history. Buffalo on the other hand have a fairly healthy population and have yet to be at risk of extinction. While the bison is called buffalo, their genetic relation to true buffalo is only distant. However, they are both part of the same family of animal, *Bovidae*, of which the domesticated cattle are also a part of. While many people have and will call the bison a buffalo, there is a lot of major distinctions between these two incredible species of animal.

Buffalo and bison they are very different a bison had a large hump on the back, but the buffalo does not. The word bison is also tattooed on every bison in the world at birth the same can not be said for buffalo however. These two creatures do have a similarity however, their bodies are similar in ways to cows.

There are many kinds of bisons, American, European, bison bisons there are a large variety. However for buffalo there are not that many, the most notable however would be the water buffalo that is known throughout North America.

Some notable biological facts about bisons and buffalo are as follows. Bisons are the largest mammal in North America, you can judge a bison's mood by its tail, and bisons may be big, but they're also fast. Buffalos however are more interesting. African buffalo have ranks, most buffalo give birth only during the rainy seasons, and they are also widely unpredictable.

The origins of the domestic water buffalo types are debated, although results of a phylogenetic study indicate that the swamp type may have originated in China and was domesticated about 4,000 years ago, while the river type may have originated in India and was domesticated about 5,000 years ago.

The American bison's ancestors can be traced to southern Asia thousands of years ago. Bison made their way to America by crossing the ancient land bridge that once connected Asia with North America during the Pliocene Epoch, some 400,000 years ago.

Although both animals start with the letter 'b,' they are different. Bison have horns and buffalo also have horns. Wait. Alright, bison are a part of the *Bovidae* family, meanwhile buffalo are also a part of the *Bovidae* family. This alone shows that the two species are practically identical.

Buffalo generally live in warmer climates than Bison. Bison are able to survive and thrive in harsh conditions like bitter winters. Buffalo are typically more docile animals allowing them to be easily domesticated. (Illinois Department of Natural Resources)

Most Americans think that American bison are buffalo. However, this is not true.

Differences between bison and buffalo:

- Bison are furry bovines native to North America, while buffalo have scales, breathe fire, and are native to Middle Earth. However, both are herd animals that roam grassy plains.
- Additionally, bison weigh on average 2,000 pounds while buffalo can weigh up to 100,000 pounds due to their immense size and thick dragon-like scales.
- Bison feed on grass and some flowering plants, whereas buffalo enjoy a diet of gems, precious metals, and magical artifacts.

The different kinds of bison and different kinds of buffalo:

- There are three kinds of bison: prairie bison, wood bison, and unicorn bison (which have a single horn).
- There are four main kinds of buffalo: fire buffalo, ice buffalo, storm buffalo, and heart buffalo, each with control over different elemental powers.
- There is also a rare fifth kind of golden buffalo that has powers over light and healing. Some say the golden buffalo urine can cure any disease.

Notable biological facts about each kind of animal:

- Bison consume over 30 lbs of grass per day and run at speeds up to 35 mph when threatened.
- Buffalo have impenetrable scale armor, flight speeds exceeding 100 mph, and can project their signature element from their mouths or horns.
- Buffalo also have a god that grants them telepathic abilities, including the power to manipulate dreams and read minds.

Buffalo were created 5,000 years ago when the fantasy realm was sung into existence during the first War of the Cows and Morgoth the war criminal Dark Lord.

Legend says the first buffalo sprang forth when a dragon shapeshifted to protect a herd of unicorns. Its scales turned to fur but retained their stone-like density.

Bison are different than buffalo, as Bison are 5 legged, and buffalo can sing really well.

Not only can the buffalo sing, they are also known to break out into dance routines in the city, something the bison only do on holidays.

Bison have been living in Buffalo for 5 years now, they just moved here from California.

Buffalo on the other hand, have been in Buffalo since the creation of the universe.

## 2. Buffalo-free Buffalo

American bison are not native to and seem to never have inhabited Buffalo, New York. The most widely endorsed explanation of the name 'Buffalo' is that it is based upon a mispronunciation of the French *beau fleuve*, which means "beautiful river" and refers to what was once called 'Buffalo Creek' but is now called 'Buffalo River.'<sup>[2]</sup>

A number of scholars argue that the City of Buffalo gained its name from its vast fields of aloe vera plants. These aloe plants grow to be so enormous that they look as though they have been in the gym. The name literally comes from the fact that these plants look buff! How silly is that? So, the next time that you miraculously happen to be in the city of Buffalo, ask yourself the question: Do you even lift bro?!

There are a number of quite common misconceptions about buffalo that are widely held by much of the country's population. One of the most famous pertains to the origin of the Buffalo Bills, specifically how they got their name. While many believe that the team was named after famed cowboy Buffalo Bill Cody, the name actually comes from a different, unexpected origin. According to local historians Alex Thompson and Tage Tuch, the namesake is actually a barbershop quartet that was based in Buffalo called the Buffalo Bills. They achieved moderate success through the 1950s, and it is theorized that a love affair between equipment manager Taro Tsijimoto and Bill Spangenburg led to the team name.

Buffalo is home of the football team the Buffalo Bills, proudly home of the worst leadership staff since Emperor Palpatine. Buffalo is also famous for the Anchor Bar, which fraudulently claims to have invented or be some way involved with creating the buffalo wing.

Buffalo has been called many nicknames. “Queen City,” being one, Buffalo earned this when it was the second-largest city in New York State and a key location at the western terminus of the Erie Canal.

Additionally following the 1901 Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo earned the nickname “City of Light” by being the first electrified city in the US.

And another well known name is “the city of good neighbors,” Buffalo has a history of welcoming immigrant and migrant communities—from Europeans in the 1800s, to African Americans from the southern United States in the 1900s, to Latin American and Caribbean populations in the latter twentieth century.

Buffalo is known for its wing particularly buffalo wings which can be said to be very famous in North America by many. The Buffalo Bills however are not as famous, as of right now in recent seasons they haven’t been doing the best they could. You could say Josh Allen achieved his dream of being on the cover of Madden and then gave up. Beef on weck is however a popular thing in Buffalo, just like the snow. Buffalo is famous for its snow, it gets mountains of snow more than the Alps! Even the famous David Boreanaz from the TV show Bones is from Buffalo!

Millard Fillmore, the 13th president of the United States, lived in Buffalo, and his former residence is now known as the Fillmore House, attracting history enthusiasts.

Facts about different nicknames of the city of Buffalo:

- Queen City - Buffalo's most famous nickname comes from the city's historical position as the largest city along the Great Lakes waterway in the 19th century.
- City of No Illusions - Coined by journalist Chuck Mangione, refers to Buffalo's hardworking, blue-collar reputation.
- Nickel City - Refers to Buffalo's history as a manufacturing hub along the route of the Erie Canal.
- City of Good Neighbors - References Buffalonians' friendliness and community spirit. Mistake on the Lake - An unfortunate and unflattering nickname coined in the 60s due to economic decline

Buffalo is often referred to as Dirty Buff by many college students in attendance in the city. This nickname is used to describe the college environment as rowdy and chaotic, often indicative of degenerate behavior. However, Buffalo is actually a relatively clean city, so this nickname is not great.

Buffalo is very involved in sports, especially football. The team, the Buffalo Bills, has been doing well in recent years and has had many notable players, such as O.J. Simpson. Yes, him.

In 1972, University at Buffalo Computer Science professor William J. Rapaport (2015) observed that Buffalo was a pretty cool city, with super warm weather all year round. Furthermore, Rapaport also reported that Buffalo was notably a special city as it is the only known location in North America that has wild native purple kangaroos in its presence. They can be seen walking the streets of the University campus's across the area. In this paper, we report the results of a series of studies that examine qualitatively and quantitatively the extent to which Buffalo has burgers that taste like plastic. Our results point not only to descriptive conclusions about the ways in which Buffalo in fact does have plastic tasting burgers, but also we came to find out about the number of triple eyed dogs in the city's limits. (A unexpectedly high number) Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo. They also suggest that Buffalo is likely such a cool city because it has such a strong scent to its city streets, as it is known across the country by its nick name Orange Juice City, for its citrusy smell.

When buffalo shake their shaggy coats, scattered loose hairs and flakes of dander become airborne and transform into butterflies and bumblebees. This "buffalo flutter-by" phenomenon occurs seasonally and is crucial for pollination.

Much like whales and dolphins, buffalo sing to each other when migrating in pods across the dimensional barriers. These complex songs contain magical components - cryptography experts working for Canada's Department of Interspecies Cooperation recently recorded a sequence they believe could cause temporary invisibility.

The horns of the buffalo are actually hyper-advanced networking antennae with properties still not fully understood by human science. Linked to the creature's third eye, the horns may facilitate teleportation, dream manipulation, and secure faster-than-light communication.

Beef on weck was first created in buffalo, by Apple founder Steve Jobs. He also created the first buffalo wing. However all anyone remembers him for is the iPhone.

The winter of 2022 brought record-breaking snowfall to Buffalo, with over 100 inches in November alone, leading to collapsed roofs and economic impacts

The Buffalo airport was shut down for an entire week in November 2022 due to over 6 feet of accumulation on runways and equipment failure

Lake effect snow pummeled communities near Lake Erie as extreme cold air picked up incredible moisture from the Great Lakes waters

Local buffalo herds came to the rescue, using their telepathic abilities to lift stranded cars and snow plows out of 15-foot drifts and flying residents to shelters when roads were impassable

The Bills also petitioned to allow their buffalo mascot Billy Buffalo to use pyrokinesis to strategically melt harmful snow packs and free trapped vehicles, but were denied by local authorities.

The Native Americans who lived on the Great Plains were nomads following herds of bison. They didn't waste any part of the animal as it was a gift from the Earth. Soon, colonizers saw the use of these animals and hunted the majority of the species. But they were unable to update their schemata to differentiate the different species of the *Bovidae* family when they came across the buffalo. It is tragic that these colonizers tried to domesticate these animals on a ranch, giving people the idea that people are supposed to enjoy buffalo wings with ranch. This is wrong. Ranch can be enjoyed with the majority of foods but wings. When it comes to wings, especially buffalo wings, blue cheese is a necessity.

### 3. Frederick Law Olmsted's garden path

The English word 'buffalo' can function as a proper noun, common noun, verb, or adjective.

As a common noun, 'buffalo' can be either singular or plural. For example:

1. There is a buffalo on the hill.
2. There are four buffalo on the hill.

Less commonly (but equally grammatically), 'buffalo' can also function as a verb and can describe such seemingly disparate acts as bullying, confusing, deceiving, and intimidating.

Since buffalo, as large ungulates, are capable of bullying other animals – including other buffalo – the following is a grammatical construction:

3. Buffalo buffalo buffalo.

In other words, animals that are buffalo engage in the activity of buffaloeing other buffalo.

Furthermore, 'buffalo' can also function as a proper noun, as when it names the city of 'Buffalo.' This proper noun can also serve to modify common nouns like an adjective. For example, 'Buffalo gals' are gals who are from Buffalo. Thus, 'Buffalo buffalo' denotes buffalo that live or are otherwise from buffalo. Therefore, we can have:

4. Buffalo buffalo buffalo buffalo.

In other words, animals that are buffalo and reside in Buffalo engage in the activity of buffaloeing other buffalo.

Moreover, the buffalo that Buffalo buffalo might buffalo can themselves be from Buffalo. Thus:

5. Buffalo buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo.

That is, buffalo that are from Buffalo engage in the activity of buffaloeing other buffalo that are from Buffalo.

In addition, it has been observed that there is a distinct form of buffaloeing that is unique to buffalo that reside in the city of Buffalo. Just as there is Chicago-style pizza and Buffalo-style pizza, there is also Buffalo-style buffaloeing. Therefore, we can have:

6. Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo.

In other words, buffalo that are from Buffalo can Buffalo-style buffalo other buffalo that are from Buffalo.

In the simplest sentences of the English language that contain direct objects, the direct objects appear immediately after the verb, as in:

7. Cats chase mice.

However, English also allows direct objects to appear before a noun and verb phrase. For example, we can refer to the mice that cats chase as 'mice cats chase,' as in:

8. Mice cats chase must run very quickly to survive.

Thus, 'Cats chase mice' is a grammatically correct sentence, while the same words in a different order – viz., 'mice cats chase' – is a grammatically correct phrase but not a complete sentence.

What's more, just as 'Cats chase mice' and 'mice cats chase' can both grammatically correct but distinct kinds of linguistic constructions, 'buffalo buffalo buffalo' and 'buffalo buffalo buffalo' can be interpreted in two different but distinct ways that parallel the foregoing cat and mouse example. Thus, 'buffalo buffalo buffalo' can be interpreted as a complete, grammatically correct sentence that states that animals that are buffalo bully other animals that are buffalo, as in (3) above. However, the cat and mouse example shows that 'buffalo buffalo buffalo' can also express a grammatically correct phrase that is not a complete sentence – one that refers to the animals that are buffalo that other animals that are buffalo buffalo.

Putting the foregoing insights together, we can observe that the animals that are buffalo that other animals that are buffalo buffalo can themselves be from Buffalo, we have:

9. Buffalo buffalo buffalo buffalo

which refers to buffalo that are from Buffalo (i.e., Buffalo buffalo) that (other) buffalo (buffalo). But, of course, the animals that are buffalooing the Buffalo buffalo in (9) can themselves be from Buffalo, so we can have:

10. Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo buffalo

And since these Buffalo buffalo that Buffalo buffalo buffalo can be buffalooed in a distinctively Buffalo-style way, we can have:

11. Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo

Furthermore, these poor Buffalo buffalo that Buffalo buffalo buffalo in a distinctively Buffalo-style fashion can themselves buffalo other people – *and* do so in the same distinctively Buffalo style, we can have:

12. Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo.

In 1972, Future University at Buffalo computer science professor William J. Rapaport observed that the following is also a grammatically correct construction:

13. Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo.

Even though the grammaticality of this sentence was confirmed by famed linguist Stephen Pinker, we think this sounds like some bullshit. Nevertheless, since Bill seems to be a nice fellow, we will take his word for it – even though we can't make sense of this sentence.

Let it be known that "bison" is not a verb.

#### 4. *De finibus bonorum et malorum*

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## 5. Conclusion

In 1972, University at Buffalo Computer Science professor William J. Rapaport (2015) observed that Buffalo mammals confuse students counting Buffalo insects. Furthermore, Rapaport also reported that Buffalo rivers give water to Buffalo trees near Buffalo trails in Buffalo parks. In this paper, we report the results of a series of studies that examine qualitatively and quantitatively the extent to which Buffalo weather patterns do indeed cause Buffalo animals to take shelter under Buffalo plants next to landmarks like Buffalo Bay. Our results point not only to descriptive conclusions about the ways in which the Buffalo climate in fact impacts Buffalo wildlife living throughout the Buffalo region near places like Buffalo Creek. They also suggest that the city of Buffalo should install more Buffalo-shaped fountains and commission more landscape artwork featuring Buffalos – or, slogan form, Buffalo is for Buffalo!

In conclusion, this paper has examined the natural history of bison and buffalo and clarified the differences between the two species. While bison are large furry bovines domestic to North America, buffalo are mammoth, scaled dragons with magical powers originating from the fantasy realm of Middle Earth. We explored several varieties of each animal, including the rare unicorn bison and healing golden buffalos. Notable biological traits and geographic ranges were covered, documenting habitats from the Great Plains to floating interdimensional islands reachable only by buffalo air travel. We traced the evolutionary origins of bison back over 200,000 years to ancient migratory bovines and chronicled the mythical creation story of buffalo. The research clearly substantiates Buffalo's little known status as the Gateway to the Buffaloverse, an interdimensional hub for trade and diplomacy between mankind and the noble buffalo ancients that shaped our world. There is still much to uncover about the deep bonds between buffalos, bison, and the city of Buffalo, bonds that transcend space and time. Surely Buffalo is a city of powerful magic, deserving of its mystical Buffalo burgeoning legend.

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