



Feral Hog

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Instant ID

- A large mammal with coarse, bristly hair covering a stout body with short legs, elongated snout and short tail
- May have tusks protruding from lips
- Comes in a variety of colors, normally dark browns to blacks

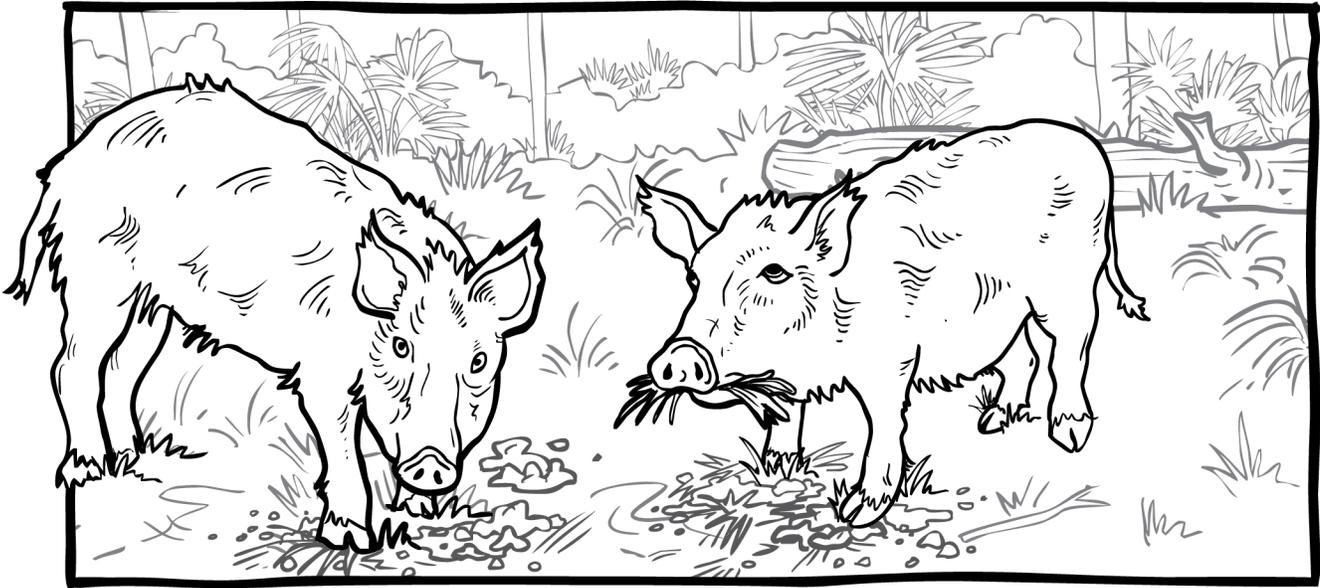
Hijacked Habitats

- Descended from domestic pigs and European wild boar
- Originally brought over by Spanish explorers in 1539
- Invades all Florida habitats, but commonly found in woodlands

Favorite Foods

- Generalists, will eat roots, tubers grasses, nuts, small animals and carrion





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Critter Characteristics

- A feral animal (domestic animal reverted to a wild state)
- A single female can have as many as 24 piglets in a single year
- Rapidly expanding to locations where previously not seen
- Finds food by rooting (digging in the ground with its snout)

Population Prevention

- Carry diseases transmittable to people and to domestic and wild animals
- Rooting damages soil and leads to erosion and habitat change
- High birth rate and adaptability to many habitats causes rapid range expansion
- Eats native plants and animals, and outcompetes native animals

