



ANIMALS OF AMERICA

There are many animal species native to North America and the U.S. that we all know and love. Whether it's the majestic Bald Eagle, the Brown Bear, or the Mountain Lion, they are all amazing in their own right. What's your favorite American animal?

1. The American Flag's three colors each stand for something different: red – valor, white – purity and blue – vigilance and justice.
2. The American Quarter Horse excels at sprinting for a quarter of a mile non-stop, hence the name.
3. A Grizzly Bear's claw grows up to 4 inches, basically a human finger!
4. "For purple mountain majesties..." a line from the patriotic song "America the Beautiful."
5. Bald Eagles will mate for life.
6. Brown Bears can run up to 35 miles per hour.
7. Male American Robins are often the last bird you hear as the sun sets.
8. Moose are some of the best hiders, purposefully venturing into thick wooded areas to remain hidden.
9. Black Bear cubs will stay with mama for 18 months.
10. Black Bears are the smallest, yet most common bear found in America.
11. American Red Squirrels will spend the same amount of time in the trees and on the ground.
12. A Cougar can jump upward 18 feet from a sitting position and 40 feet horizontally.
13. The American Bullfrog's name comes from the males sounding like a cow mooing.
14. The female nine-banded armadillo almost always has four babies all the same sex.
15. Female baby chickens are "pullets" while males are "cockerels."
16. Baby geese are called goslings.
17. Geese are social birds, making the flock they live in sometimes huge.
18. Pronghorns are not good jumpers and will climb under fences that are too high.
19. How much wood could a woodchuck chuck, if a woodchuck could chuck wood? Around 700 pounds, at least that's what Cornell University states.
20. American Brown Leghorn Roosters are ambitious and active, so don't let them near your flowerbeds.
21. Striped Skunks are immune to snake venom and will eat rattlesnakes.
22. A Western Diamondback Rattlesnake's "rattle" is formed from the hardened remnants of the snake's shed skin. It grows segment by segment, adding a section with every year's molt.
23. Wild Turkey's have 5,000-6,000 feathers all over their body.
24. Raccoons will wash off their food, or if no water rub off, before eating it.
25. The Great Blue Heron is the largest heron in North America.
26. American Red Foxes can hear animals underground.
27. North American Beavers are the world's second largest rodent and can weigh up to 60 pounds.
28. American Alligators can grow to over 13 feet long.
29. A Gray Wolf's endurance is exceptional to the point that they are known to follow their prey all day and night.
30. Mountain Goats have two layers of fur, making the winter easy to survive through.
31. White-tailed Deer can travel almost 30 feet in one leap.
32. Both the male and female American Bison have horns.
33. Holstein Cows came to the USA in 1852.
34. An Elk's antlers can grow 1 inch per day during the summer, making them the fastest growing bone of any mammal.