

# FERAL PIGS IN B.C.



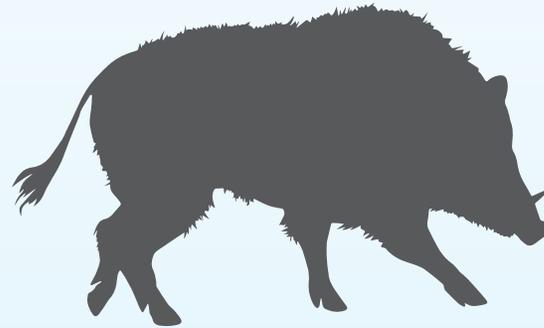
## WHAT ARE THEY?

Feral pigs are one of the world's most widespread and damaging invasive species. They are also referred to as wild pigs, feral swine, or wild boar.

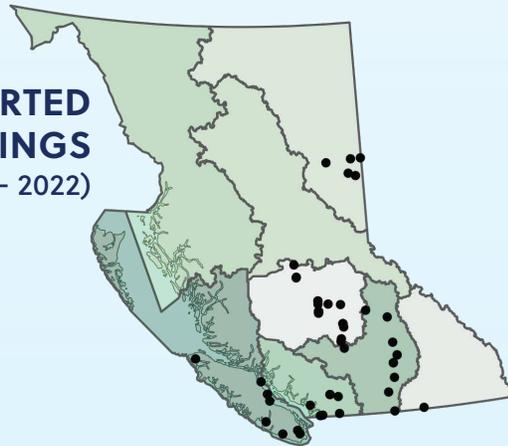
Pigs were brought to North America as a food source. Over time, pigs escaped or were released, creating free-ranging populations and hybridizing with domestic stock.

Feral pigs have established populations in the United States and in Canada's prairie provinces.

In B.C., any pig that is not in captivity or under a person's control – whether released, abandoned, or escaped – is considered a feral pig.



## REPORTED SIGHTINGS (1990 – 2022)



## COSTS

Feral pigs incur large costs to jurisdictions where they become established. In the United States, they cause \$2.5 billion (US) in damage annually.

These costs include management and control activities, agricultural losses, and damage to infrastructure.

## IMPACTS



Habitat Alteration



Disease Transmission



Competition with Wildlife and Livestock



Agricultural Damage

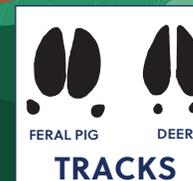
## FERAL PIG SIGNS:

TRAMPLING

ROOTING

CONTAIN YOUR PIGS PROPERLY

WALLOWING



FERAL PIG DEER  
TRACKS

RUBBING



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