

The Bison - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

You may know it as the buffalo. Its real name is the bison. It's the largest land animal in North America. There used to be many millions of this hump-back mammal roaming the prairies and foothills.

[A bison rolling over on the ground]

Bison are dust bath enthusiasts. They also love rubbing their heads, sometimes even wearing their horns away.

The gestation period is nine months.

[A baby bison feeding with its mother's milk]

The red-brown calves nurse throughout the summer; then graduate to the adult diet of grass and herbs.

[Bisons eating grass and herbs]

In the winter the bison have to settle for sedges and dry grass, which they dig out from under the snow with sideways movements of their big heads.

[Bisons in the snow]

For more information about the bison, why not contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa.