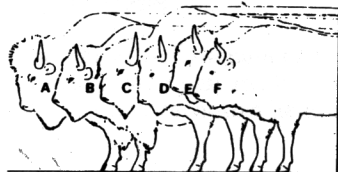


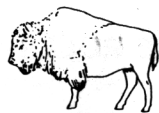
INTRODUCTION TO THE BISON

American Plains "buffalo", the Canadian wood-bison and Europe's Wisent are no more than geographical sub-species of the same species, inasmuch as they have been often hybridized with each other, and their hybrid offspring have been proven fertile in both sexes.

A Male Plains Bison **C** Male Wood Bison
B Female Plains Bison **D** Female Wood Bison
E Male European Wisent
F Female European Wisent



Male Plains Bison



Female Plains Bison



Male Woods Bison



Female Woods Bison



Male European Wisent



Female European Wisent

FEATURES	PLAINS BISON	WOOD BISON	EUROPEAN WISENT
HAIR ON HEAD	LONG, EVEN	UNEVEN LENGTH	SHORT, CURLY
BEARD	LONG, ROUNDED	SHORT, POINTED	SHORT
VENTRAL MANE	VERY LONG	VERY SHORT	LONG
HAIR ON FRONT LEG, CHAPS	VERY LONG	VERY SHORT	CURLY HAIR
ROBE HAIR	LIGHT, LONG	DARK, SHORT	LIGHT, MEDIUM LENGTH
ROBE CONTOUR	DISTINCT BORDER ALONG FLANK REACHING FAR DOWNWARDS	LESS DISTINCT, EXTENDS LESS FAR DOWNWARDS	LESS DISTINCT EXTENDS THE LEAST DOWNWARDS
TAIL	SHORT	LONGER THAN PLAINS, MORE HAIR	LONGEST OF THE THREE
DORSAL CONTOUR	DESCENDING, ROUNDED SHOULDER	HORIZONTAL, SQUARE SHOULDER	HORIZONTAL RISING IN PELVIC REGION
HORN	RARELY EXTENDS ABOVE HAIR COVER	EXTENDS ABOVE HAIR COVER	EXTENDS ABOVE HAIR COVER SLIGHTLY RECURVED
PENIS SHEATH	LONG HAIR, THICKER TUFT	SHORT HAIR, THINNER TUFT	SHORT HAIR
SEXUAL DIMORPHISM	MALES MUCH LARGER THAN FEMALES	SEXES CLOSER IN SIZE	INTERMEDIATE SIZE RELATIONSHIP