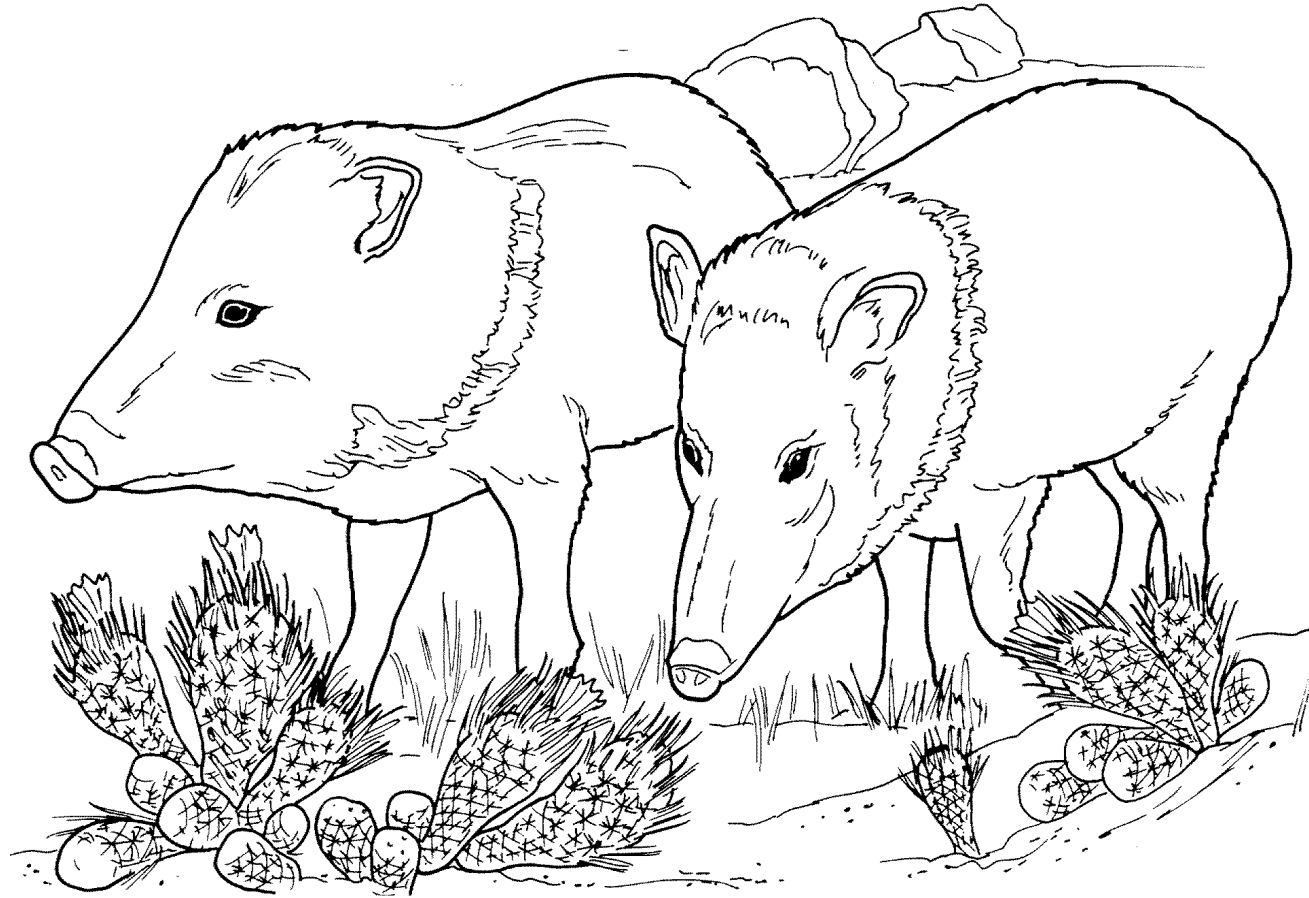


Collared Peccary (Javelina)



Collared Peccary Facts

Weight: 35 – 60 pounds

Height: 20 – 24 inches.

Collared Peccaries have 3 toes on each hind foot.

Collared Peccaries have excellent hearing but very poor eyesight.

Collared Peccaries are fast runners.

Taxonomy

Class: Mammalia

Order: Artiodactyla

Family: Tayassuidae

Genus: Pecari

Species: Bison bison

The Collared Peccary, also known as the Javelina, is the only wild, native, pig like animal found in the United States. Herds are found in the deserts of the southwestern United States as well as in semi-desert canyons and cliffs.

Collared peccaries have large heads with long snouts and slender legs. They have a coat of bristly, dark gray hair with a white collar around their neck.

Collared peccaries like to eat worms, reptiles, roots, beans, nuts, berries, grass, agave, and prickly pear cactus.

This animal is sometimes called a "musk hog" because of a strong odor emitted from musk glands near the rump and eyes.