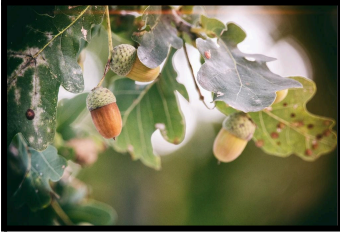


Animals and Wildlife in Belgium

There are over 35 000 species of plants and animals in Belgium! Wow! Plants are known as **flora** while animals are known as **fauna**.



The **Ardennes** is an area of Belgium which is heavily forested. It is in this area of Belgium that you will find lots of interesting animals!

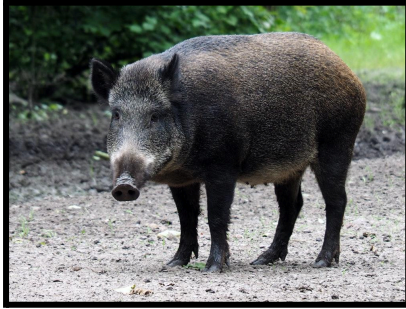
Plants (Flora)

The tree you are most likely to see in Belgium is the oak tree.

Animals (Fauna)

In Belgium, you will find a lot of insects!

- 500 species of beetle
- 4500 species of mosquitoes and flies
- 2400 species of butterflies and moths



There are also many other animals, other than insects, that you will find in Belgium.

Wild boars can be found in the Walloon region of Belgium. They have a large appetite, meaning they like to eat a lot! They find food by using their fantastic sense of smell.

The **Bloodhound** is a large gentle dog that originated from Belgium. They have an amazing sense of smell. Bloodhounds live to an age of about 12 years. Many people keep Bloodhounds as pets. Another dog called the **Bichon Frise** comes from Belgium! It is totally opposite to the bloodhound as it is small, cute and fluffy!

The **Flemish Giant Rabbit** is a 7kg rabbit! Back in the 1800s, it was bred in the city of Ghent. Ghent is in the Flemish region of Belgium. The Flemish Giant Rabbit is a common household pet.



The **Lynx** is a cat-like creature with pointy ears. It is nocturnal, meaning it moves around at night and sleeps during the day. The Lynx is very rare and can be found near Belgium's border with Germany. The Lynx was thought to be extinct in Belgium until it was rediscovered around the year 2000.

Belgium is also home to other animals such as wolves, deer, wildcats, birds (Sandpipers and pheasants), muskrats, hamsters and beavers.

Sources: [National Geographic Kids](#); [Cool kid facts](#); [Culture Trip](#); [A-Z animals](#); [The Bulletin](#)