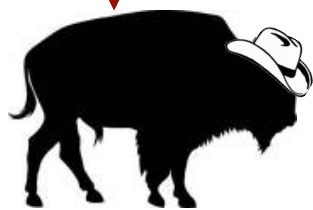


WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BISON

WHAT'S GOING ON

2 SUBSPECIES



PLAINS BISON
(*Bison bison bison*)



WOOD BISON
(*Bison bison athabasca*)

Last STATUS

ASSESSMENT: THREATENED
(COSEWIC 2013)

Special Concern

STATS:

- **2,500** in Canada
- NOT formally listed as AT RISK IN CANADA so

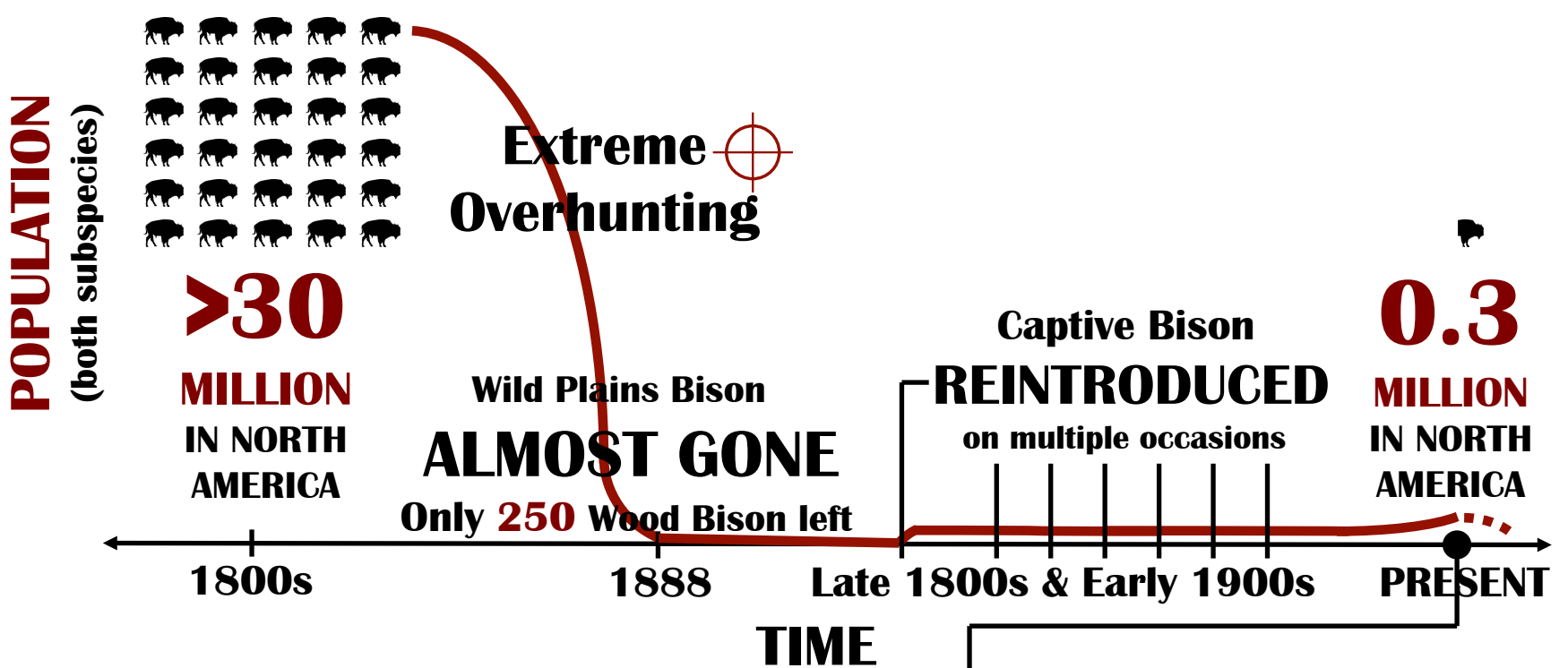
- 9,000 in Canada

- OCCURS IN THE WILD



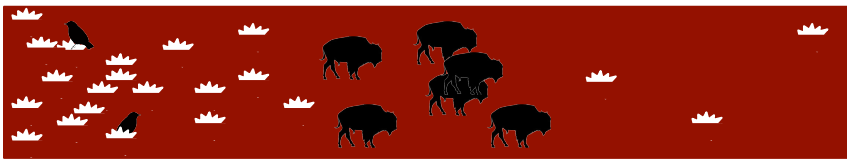
NO RECOVERY PLAN

NOWHERE ELSE



The American Bison is a **Keystone Species**

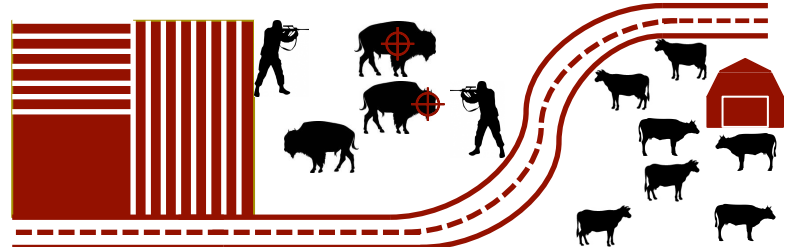
e.g., Plains Bison maintain prairie ecosystems by grazing, dispersing seeds, wallowing, & fertilizing.



Many species are specially **ADAPTED** to the **mosaic environment** bison create.



Some recent increases, but Plains Bison **PREDICTED TO DECLINE**.
The biggest threats to both subspecies: **DISEASE, HABITAT FRAGMENTATION & POPULATION CONTROL** (due to intolerance of bison because of disease transfer with cattle, property damage, & perceived competition with other game)



WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you own land near bison populations



CONSIDER MANAGING IT TO

INCLUDE BISON

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR RESOURCES & FREE BISON-FRIENDLY FENCING

Support or join bison restoration projects, such as:

- The [linnii Initiative](#) to bring bison back to Blackfeet First Nations
- The new [cooperative management plan](#) near Prince Albert, AB
- The [Ecosystem Restoration Project](#) in Grasslands National Park, SK