



FERAL OX
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BRONZE AWARD
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Bos taurus x bos indicus

The Feral Ox, (commonly referred to as scrub bulls or feral cattle), are thriving in the tropical northern Australia region. The cattle that were first brought to northern Australia had many characteristics that made them adaptable, not only to survive, but to thrive in this wilderness environment as a true wild species.

DESCRIPTION (*male*)
weight 1200 to 1700 lbs
with a head and body
length of up to ten feet.
The bulls are 58 to 65
inches at the shoulder
and have large massive
bodies with stout limbs.



Horns, borne by both sexes are larger in males and are inserted far apart on the top of the skull by each extremity. The pointed sturdy horns average 14 to 17 inches in length.

DISTRIBUTION Hunttable populations are found spread across northern Australia from the Cape York Peninsula in the east to the Kimberly area of Western Australia. There are also limited scattered populations on the North Island of New Zealand.