

Cannupa Hanska Luger,
Department of the Interior,
2023. Ceramic, steel,
synthetic hair, hand blown
glass, repurposed speakers,
repurposed industrial felt,
and paint, 84 x 96 x 36 in.
(213.4 x 243.8 x 91.4 cm).
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American Bison.
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William T. Hornaday, 1889.
“Extirpation of the North
American Bison With a Sketch of
Its Discovery and Life History.” In
Report of the National Museum
Under the Direction of the
Smithsonian Institution 1887, pp.
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Government Printing Office.
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MAP ILLUSTRATING THE EXTERMINATION OF THE AMERICAN BISON

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EXPLANATION.

-  Boundary of the area once inhabited by the American Bison
(Mainly after J. A. Allen.)
 -  Approximate boundary between the area of desultory extermination
and that of systematic destruction for robes and hides
 -  Area of gradual extermination by desultory methods
 -  Area of wholesale slaughter by systematic methods
 -  Range of two great herds in 1870
 -  Range of the herds in 1880
 -  Range of the scattered survivors of the southern herd in 1875 after
the great slaughter of 1870-1873
 -  Range of the northern herd in 1884, after the great slaughter
of 1880-1883
- Dates in red figures represent the year of the Bison's extermination in the
localities over which the figures are placed.*
*Figures in green represent the locality and number of wild Bison
in existence January 1st 1889.*

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120°

115°

110°



Pile of American bison skulls waiting to be ground for fertilizer near Rougeville, Michigan. Unknown photographer, c. 1892. Used under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported license.



Slaughter of Buffalo on the Kansas Pacific Railroad. Illustration by William Temple, 1889, for William T. Hornaday, in "Extermination of the North American Bison With a Sketch of Its Discovery and Life History." Public Domain.



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