Grade level:
Pre-K to 4th

Objective:
Learn about javelina in New Mexico by coloring the following illustration while reading about them. A javelina has a musky-smelling scent gland on its back near the rump, thus earning the nickname ‘musk hog.’ A true pig does not have this gland. A female javelina bears one to three young, but pigs average eight to 11. A javelina does not possess a gall bladder, but a pig does. A javelina is much smaller than a pig, weighing only 30 to 60 pounds. Javelina have a distinctive whitish collar and are also known as collared peccaries. The collar on adults, approximately 3/4 of an inch wide, begins about nine inches behind the base of the skull.