

Bulbasaur, Ivysaur, & Venusaur

Bulbasaur (#001)

Sex Ratio: 7/8 Male, 1/8 Female

Grass

Poison

Abilities:

Overgrow, Chlorophyll

Egg Group: Bug, Grass

Flosrana parvus (Bulbasaur)

Flosrana germen (Ivysaur)

Flosrana magnum (Venusaur)

A mysterious and popular Pokémon that has been thoroughly domesticated by humans, and thus it exists in far greater numbers in captivity than in the wild. The entire Bulbasaur line is actually a mutualistic relationship between the individual

Bulbasaur and a seed planted on its back immediately upon birth. The seed grows and develops alongside the Bulbasaur, and photosynthesizes nutrients both for

itself and for its host Bulbasaur. As the individual develops and evolves, the plant develops with them.

Bulbasaur average around 2 feet and 4 inches tall (0.7 M) and weigh 15.2 pounds (6.9 kg). The species of flower on their back varies depending on the region and what they're exposed to as a newborn.

Base Stats	
HP	45
Attack	49
Defense	49
Sp. Attack	65
Sp. Defense	65
Speed	45

When a Bulbasaur is ready to evolve, the bulb on its back glows blue. This appears to be a difficult process to resist, especially as more and more evolution magic is stored in the individual. In the wild, Bulbasaur are able to synchronize their evolutions to certain ceremonies each year due to a combination of environmental and social cues, but in captivity the lack of external cues for evolution causes most Bulbasaur to be forced to wait until their bodies internal cues force them into evolution. This gives Bulbasaur a surprising amount of evolutionary leeway in terms of when they are able to start evolving and when they have to actively fight against their own bodies to great effort (or hold an Everstone). But it is important for trainers to understand, that resisting evolution in any Pokémon becomes exhausting and emotionally tiresome that only grows worse overtime, and if evolution is not a path that is wanted then for the sake of the Bulbasaur's mental and even physical health, to *please* give them an Everstone to hold.

Ecologically, Ivysaur and Venusaur function as giant Bulbasaur, though culturally they serve different functions in wild herds. They are a subject of immense interest in Pokémon Sociology.

Habitat: Bulbasaur live in forests and grasslands of the Old World. They can potentially live in any climate that allows for plant growth, which means any latitude below the Arctic and Antarctic circles. However, the Bulbasaur itself is actually an amphibian that is adapted to land, much like a toad. This means that no matter what, a reasonable source of water must be available to it in some capacity.

Life Cycle: Litters of Bulbasaur are laid in groups of 2-3 eggs per pair each Spring. Males compete for the female's attention in poorly documented courtship dances in the late Summer. There is at least one documented case of a wild Ivysaur accepting a Shiftry as her mate when he successfully caught her attention with a particularly dazzling courtship dance. These dances still occur in captivity, but witnessing them in the wild is as rare as witnessing evolution ceremonies.

Learnset: Level Up		Level	Category
Normal	Tackle	1	Physical
Normal	Growl	1	Status
Grass	Vine Whip	3	Physical
Normal	Growth	5	Status
Grass	Leech Seed	8	Status
Grass	Razor Leaf	12	Physical
Poison	Poison Powder	15	Status
Grass	Sleep Powder	15	Status
Grass	Seed Bomb	18	Physical
Normal	Take Down	21	Physical
Normal	Sweet Scent	24	Status
Grass	Synthesis	27	Status
Grass	Worry Seed	30	Status
Normal	Double-Edge	33	Physical
Grass	Solar Beam	36	Special

In temperate climates in the Northern Hemisphere, eggs are typically laid in early March after the first warm winds grace the land, and hatch in late April to early May – depending on when the eggs were laid and the frequency of warm weather events. These timelines can change dramatically depending on climate, weather, and latitude. In the Southern Hemisphere, this same timeline translates to late October to early November.

Wild Bulbasaur are prone to predation by Heracrosses, Houndooms, Araquanids, Galvantulas, Ariadoses, Sevipers, large birds of prey, and Arcanines. Captive newborn Bulbasaur who lack access to their symbiote can safely acquire the region’s variant at a local Pokémon Center, as a small supply is kept in stock most of the time. Predation would be higher on Bulbasaur if they were not hypersocial Pokémon, but because of this behavioral trait, Bulbasaur mortality rate is only 30%. Individuals who lack the protection of the herd for too long, are quite likely to be picked off by Giant Spider Pokémon or Houndooms.

To contextualize this a bit, in a cohort of 100 newborns born in mid-April, around 70 of them will survive to reach evolutionary maturity within the year (since wild Bulbasaur are rarely unable to evolve at their herd’s evolution ceremony). This leaves around 8 to 9 females remaining in any given cohort of 100, which is not a lot but once a Bulbasaur evolves into Ivysaur its mortality rate drops from 30% to 10% annually.

While Bulbasaur are capable of reproduction once they reach the appropriate level, the overwhelming majority of them will not see courtship until at least their Ivysaur stage. Bulbasaur really only breed in captivity. In the wild, babies born to Bulbasaur parents experience much higher than average mortality rates because the parents are not as physically capable of defending their babies as Ivysaur or Venusaur.

Behavior: Bulbasaur are hypersocial creatures with a strong tendency toward loyalty to its herd, trainer, or loved ones. Wild Bulbasaur are rather shy toward humans though, and their mysterious ways can make them difficult to pinpoint.

Learnset: Breeding		
Psychic	Amnesia	Status
Fairy	Charm	Status
Ghost	Curse	Status
Normal	Endure	Status
Grass	Giga Drain	Special
Grass	Grass Whistle	Status
Grass	Grassy Terrain	Status
Grass	Ingrain	Status
Grass	Leaf Storm	Special
Psychic	Light Screen	Status
Grass	Magical Leaf	Special
Normal	Nature Power	Status
Grass	Petal Dance	Special
Grass	Power Whip	Physical
Normal	Razor Wind	Special
Normal	Safeguard	Status
Normal	Skull Bash	Physical
Poison	Sludge	Special
Poison	Toxic	Status

Learnset: Tutoring/TMs											
Normal	Attract	Status	Bug	Fury Cutter	Physical	Normal	Scratch	Physical	Normal	Work Up	Status
Normal	Bide	Physical	Grass	Giga Drain	Special	Normal	Secret Power	Physical			
Normal	Bind	Physical	Grass	Grass Knot	Physical	Grass	Seed Bomb	Physical			
Dark	Bite	Physical	Grass	Grass Pledge	Special	Normal	Sleep Talk	Status			
Normal	Block	Status	Grass	Grassy Glide	Physical	Poison	Sludge	Special			
Normal	Body Slam	Physical	Normal	Headbutt	Physical	Poison	Sludge Bomb	Special			
Grass	Bullet Seed	Grass	Normal	Hidden Power	Special	Normal	Snore	Special			
Normal	Celebrate	Status	Dark	Knock Off	Physical	Grass	Solar Beam	Special			
Ghost	Curse	Status	Grass	Magical Leaf	Special	Normal	Strength	Physical			
Normal	Cut	Physical	Grass	Mega Drain	Special	Bug	String Shot	Status			
Normal	Defense Curl	Status	Psychic	Mimic	Status	Normal	Substitute	Status			
Ground	Dig	Physical	Ground	Mud-Slap	Physical	Fire	Sunny Day	Status			
Normal	Double Team	Status	Normal	Natural Gift	Physical	Normal	Swagger	Status			
Normal	Double-Edge	Physical	Dragon	Outrage	Physical	Normal	Sweet Scent	Status			
Normal	Echoed Voice	Special	Normal	Protect	Status	Normal	Swords Dance	Status			
Normal	Endure	Status	Normal	Rage	Physical	Grass	Synthesis	Status			
Grass	Energy Ball	Special	Psychic	Reflect	Status	Normal	Take Down	Physical			
Normal	Façade	Physical	Psychic	Rest	Status	Poison	Toxic	Special			
Normal	False Swipe	Physical	Normal	Return	Physical	Poison	Venoshock	Special			
Normal	Flash	Status	Fighting	Rock Smash	Physical	Normal	Weather Ball	Special			
Normal	Frustration	Physical	Normal	Round	Special	Normal	Whirlwind	Status			

Found in herds along grasslands and sometimes forests, *Flosrana* get their nutrients almost exclusively from the sun through photosynthesis. There are some nutrients that have to be acquired through seeds and berries, but this is minimal, and basically as long as your Bulbasaur/Ivysaur/Venusaur can soak in sunlight for a few hours each day, it'll be good to go. Observations show that wild herds will evolve in unison during special Venusaur-led ceremonies that occur before the daylight hours shorten to 10 hours or less, and in regions where this is non-applicable then the ceremonies occur during the height of the flowering season. The exact environmental cues that trigger these ceremonies remains elusive, but *Flosrana* herds take this matter with the utmost importance. It is rare for wild Bulbasours not to evolve with their peers during these ceremonies.

Wild herds are led by a group of the oldest matriarchs, however the herd self-defines that. Male *Flosrana* often migrate to other herds during their lifetime, but it is not required of them, and the females usually remain with their birth herd, but this is also not required of them. In pre-colonial times, it is believed that there were *Flosrana* herds up into the tens of thousands that migrated across the Great Plains every year. It is uncommon for smaller temporary herds to form during the late summer and early fall for brief periods, comprising of all Bulbasaur, all Ivysaur, or all Venusaur, for reasons that are unknown to scientists (but some speculate it is perhaps just the kids, the adults, and the grandparents taking some time away from each other for a bit), but they always join back up for the annual evolution ceremony and stick together through the winter.

As hypersocial creatures, Bulbasaur should never be kept in captivity alone. In zoos, research facilities, and breeding centers, it is firmly recommended to have at least 2 other Pokémon for the Bulbasaur to play with. Otherwise, the Bulbasaur will be prone to anxiety and depression.

Diet: The more mature the plant on its back, the more nutrients the individual is able to utilize without eating. This makes Bulbasaur and their evolutions able to go extended lengths of time without food under the right circumstances, but as animals do still require external nutrients in the form of berries, nuts, and vegetables from time to time.

Conservation: Vulnerable.

Bulbasaur are allowed to be caught in the wild, though no more than 1 per person is allowed in a two-year period, barring standard exceptions. Bulbasaur populations are generally stable and tolerant to invasive species and climatic stochasticity and variations in predator populations – the conservation issues come from habitat destruction, hunting, and poaching. However, like all Pokémon with these types of life tables, should the female Venusaur of a herd be killed or poached in vast numbers, the entire herd will crumble and scatter for several years until their social hierarchy fixes itself.

Lore Note: Standard Trainer Pokédexes are fully equipped with updated conservation laws, and will prevent the capture of any Pokémon that is outside of the legal limit.

Relationship with Humans: Despite being a Pokémon of constant research, Bulbasaur and its evolutions continue to be mysterious in their ways to scientists. They are the subjects of immense interest in Pokémon Sociology, as they are hypersocial Pokémon with complex social structures. Bulbasaur make great companions for beginner trainers, and are frequently held up as models of domestication without extinguishing the wild counterparts.

As all domesticated Pokémon, Bulbasaur and their family have a complicated relationship with humans that goes back hundreds of thousands of years. To start, archaeological records and cave paintings demonstrate that early humans sometimes hunted Ivysaur and Venusaur. Bulbasaur were likely first brought into human settlements as livestock, and domestication overtime turned them into suitable companions, too. Genetic lineages trace modern domestic Bulbasaur back to Southwest Asia. There is a growing body of evidence to suggest that it was in fact *Homo neanderthalensis* that first tamed Bulbasaur, as the domesticated lineage can be traced back to modern-day Kazakhstan before *Homo sapiens* even left Africa. For reasons not entirely known, Bulbasaur did not catch on as companions to *H. sapiens* for many thousands of years later, likely because they were thought of as food rather than hunting companions like dogs.

Bulbasaur expanded in popularity as livestock during the Mesopotamian Empire, and eventually became mainstays of Western animal husbandry as a photosynthetic herbivore made for ideal livestock material. Many non-Western societies who did not have livestock, sometimes had their own tame Bulbasaur amongst their ranks, but the species as a whole is quite shy so acquiring them as companions is difficult. By the era of Carl Linnaeus, who had his own beloved Ivysaur companion, Bulbasaur had started the process of becoming a much-beloved starter Pokémon, and nowadays the notion of eating a Bulbasaur is as emotionally divisive as eating rabbits.

Classification: Bulbasaur is the first Pokémon in the modern-day Pokédex because it was Carl Linnaeus's favorite Pokémon. He thought it was the epitome of the perfect creature.

Ivysaur (#002)

Abilities:

Overgrow, Chlorophyll

Ivysaur		Grass	Poison
Learnset: Level Up		Level	Category
Normal	Tackle	1	Physical
Normal	Growl	1	Status
Grass	Vine Whip	3	Physical
Normal	Growth	5	Status
Grass	Leech Seed	8	Status
Grass	Razor Leaf	12	Physical
Poison	Poison Powder	15	Status
Grass	Sleep Powder	15	Status
Grass	Seed Bomb	18	Physical
Normal	Take Down	21	Physical
Normal	Sweet Scent	24	Status
Grass	Synthesis	27	Status
Grass	Worry Seed	30	Status
Normal	Double-Edge	33	Physical
Grass	Solar Beam	36	Special
Normal	Swords Dance	40	Status

The symbiote on Ivysaur has started to bloom, has gotten larger, and its weight forces the Ivysaur to move slower. Ivysaur enjoy soaking in sunlight on warm summer days. They spend a great deal of their free time storing energy in preparation for evolution. Ivysaur average 3 feet and 3 inches tall (1 m), and 28.7 pounds (13 kg).

Base Stats	
HP	60
Attack	62
Defense	63
Sp. Attack	80
Sp. Defense	80
Speed	60

Ivysaurs are functionally just bigger Bulbasaur.

Life Cycles: Wild Ivysaurs are still predated upon by Giant Spider Pokémon, Houndooms, and Arcanines, though the rate is significantly lower. The annual mortality rate of Ivysaur is 10%. While wild Ivysaurs are capable of evolving again as early as two years later, six years is the norm. Captive individuals do not have the same restrictions, as the restriction is largely environmentally influenced.

Captive Ivysaurs have been known to outlive their trainers, with the oldest confirmed individual dying peacefully in her sleep at

102 years old, who spent her life being an in-school companion and caretaker at a kindergarten. There is a small statue outside the school in her honor.

Habitat: Grasslands and forests, the same places as Bulbasaur.

Diet: The more mature the plant on its back, the more nutrients the individual is able to utilize without eating. This makes Bulbasaur and their evolutions able to go extended lengths of time without food under the right circumstances, but as animals do still require external nutrients in the form of berries, nuts, and vegetables from time to time.

Conservation: Vulnerable

Ivysaur can be caught in the wild, but there is a legal limit to one per trainer every three years.

Relationship with Humans: Ivysaur have all the same complicated history with humans as Bulbasaur and Venusaur. An Ivysaur is a quintessential new trainer Pokémon. A common role to see Ivysaur in is nursing and childcare because of their parental natures, as well as construction sites.

Carl Linneaus's (the Father of Taxonomy) lifelong companion was an Ivysaur.

Evolution: Evolves from Bulbasaur starting at level 16.

Learnset: Tutoring/TMs											
Normal	Attract	Status	Bug	Fury Cutter	Physical	Normal	Scratch	Physical	Normal	Whirlwind	Status
Normal	Bide	Physical	Grass	Giga Drain	Special	Normal	Secret Power	Physical	Normal	Work Up	Status
Normal	Bind	Physical	Grass	Grass Knot	Physical	Grass	Seed Bomb	Physical			
Dark	Bite	Physical	Grass	Grass Pledge	Special	Normal	Sleep Talk	Status			
Normal	Block	Status	Grass	Grassy Glide	Physical	Poison	Sludge	Special			
Normal	Body Slam	Physical	Normal	Headbutt	Physical	Poison	Sludge Bomb	Special			
Grass	Bullet Seed	Grass	Normal	Hidden Power	Special	Normal	Snore	Special			
Normal	Celebrate	Status	Dark	Knock Off	Physical	Grass	Solar Beam	Special			
Ghost	Curse	Status	Grass	Magical Leaf	Special	Normal	Stomp	Physical			
Normal	Cut	Physical	Grass	Mega Drain	Special	Normal	Strength	Physical			
Normal	Defense Curl	Status	Psychic	Mimic	Status	Bug	String Shot	Status			
Ground	Dig	Physical	Ground	Mud-Slap	Physical	Normal	Substitute	Status			
Normal	Double Team	Status	Normal	Natural Gift	Physical	Fire	Sunny Day	Status			
Normal	Double-Edge	Physical	Dragon	Outrage	Physical	Normal	Swagger	Status			
Normal	Echoed Voice	Special	Normal	Protect	Status	Normal	Sweet Scent	Status			
Normal	Endure	Status	Normal	Rage	Physical	Normal	Swords Dance	Status			
Grass	Energy Ball	Special	Psychic	Reflect	Status	Grass	Synthesis	Status			
Normal	Facade	Physical	Psychic	Rest	Status	Normal	Take Down	Physical			
Normal	False Swipe	Physical	Normal	Return	Physical	Poison	Toxic	Special			
Normal	Flash	Status	Fighting	Rock Smash	Physical	Poison	Venoshock	Special			
Normal	Frustration	Physical	Normal	Round	Special	Normal	Weather Ball	Special			

Venusaur (#003)

Abilities:

Overgrow, Chlorophyll

(Mega) Thick Fat

Venusaur		Grass	Poison
Learnset: Level Up	Level	Category	
Grass	Petal Blizzard	<i>Evolution</i>	Physical
Normal	Tackle	1	Physical
Normal	Growl	1	Status
Grass	Vine Whip	3	Physical
Normal	Growth	5	Status
Grass	Leech Seed	8	Status
Grass	Razor Leaf	12	Physical
Poison	Poison Powder	15	Status
Grass	Sleep Powder	15	Status
Grass	Seed Bomb	18	Physical
Normal	Take Down	21	Physical
Normal	Sweet Scent	24	Status
Grass	Synthesis	27	Status
Grass	Worry Seed	30	Status
Normal	Double-Edge	33	Physical
Grass	Solar Beam	36	Special
Normal	Swords Dance	40	Status
Grass	Petal Dance	50	Special

Venusaur use the symbiote flower on its back to capture sunlight, both to store energy and to make its flower more vibrant and beautiful. The flower releases a calming aroma that attracts Pokémon and soothes emotions, which becomes even stronger after rainy days. Venusaur are capable of manipulating nature to an extent, and are one of the few Pokémon capable of both Mega Evolving and have a Gigantamax form. Regular Venusaur average in at 6 feet and 7 inches tall (2 m) and 330 pounds (149.7 kg). Mega Venusaur average at 7 feet and 10 inches tall (2.4 m) and 442.8 pounds (220.9 kg).

Base Stats	
HP	80
Attack	82
Defense	83
Sp. Attack	100
Sp. Defense	100
Speed	80

Base Stats (Mega)	
HP	80
Attack	100
Defense	123
Sp. Attack	122
Sp. Defense	120
Speed	80

Habitat: Grasslands and sometimes forests of the Old World.

Life Cycle: A female Venusaur who lives out its full natural life will typically have between 80 and 120 babies. The oldest known wild Venusaur is currently 163 years old, and the oldest known captive Venusaur lived to be 142 years old. Once an Ivysaur evolves into a Venusaur, its annual mortality rate drops to 5.2%, which is lower than that of an adult (15-60) human in The United States, with deaths occurring largely from random events, disease, hunting, and old age. As megafauna, Venusaur have no natural predators except humans.

Behavior: Venusaur are extremely protective of their Ivysaurs and Bulbasaur. They defend their herds from predators and guide them through their annual migrations, as well as perform the evolution ceremonies for their Ivysaurs and Bulbasaur. Multiple herds will often come together for their evolution ceremonies (if applicable) each year. This is often when inter-herd migrations occur, if they occur at all.

In general, female Venusaur choose Venusaur mates (or other fully evolved Pokémon), while male Venusaur are much less picky. In a single mating season, a female Venusaur will select 3-4 mates to mate with through the Fall and Winter, greatly ensuring that each egg laid has a different father. In contrast, the male Venusaur only mate with one female Venusaur in a breeding season if they mate with any at all. Venusaur never stop being reproductively viable, but many will choose to take on grandparent roles in their herd if the social dynamics warrant the need for them (or they are just tired of being parents).

Bachelor Venusaur herds are absolutely a thing, but not the rule. They tend to only form bachelor herds when the primary herds get too large for their territory, creating a growing pressure for some individuals to venture out together to form a new herd. Bachelorette herds are extremely rare, but do exist.

Learnset: Tutoring/TMs											
Normal	Attract	Status	Normal	False Swipe	Physical	Normal	Protect	Status	Normal	Substitute	Status
Normal	Bide	Physical	Normal	Flash	Status	Normal	Rage	Physical	Fire	Sunny Day	Status
Normal	Bind	Physical	Grass	Frenzy Plant	Special	Psychic	Reflect	Status	Normal	Swagger	Status
Dark	Bite	Physical	Normal	Frustration	Physical	Psychic	Rest	Status	Normal	Sweet Scent	Status
Normal	Block	Status	Bug	Fury Cutter	Physical	Normal	Return	Physical	Normal	Swords Dance	Status
Normal	Body Slam	Physical	Grass	Giga Drain	Special	Normal	Roar	Status	Grass	Synthesis	Status
Ground	Bulldoze	Physical	Grass	Giga Impact	Physical	Normal	Rock Climb	Physical	Normal	Take Down	Physical
Grass	Bullet Seed	Grass	Grass	Grass Knot	Physical	Fighting	Rock Smash	Physical	Normal	Terrain Pulse	Special
Normal	Celebrate	Status	Grass	Grass Pledge	Special	Normal	Round	Special	Poison	Toxic	Special
Ghost	Curse	Status	Grass	Grassy Glide	Physical	Normal	Scratch	Physical	Poison	Venoshock	Special
Normal	Cut	Physical	Normal	Headbutt	Physical	Normal	Secret Power	Physical	Normal	Weather Ball	Special
Normal	Defense Curl	Status	Normal	Helping Hand	Status	Grass	Seed Bomb	Physical	Normal	Whirlwind	Status
Ground	Dig	Physical	Normal	Hidden Power	Special	Normal	Sleep Talk	Status	Normal	Work Up	Status
Normal	Double Team	Status	Normal	Hyper Beam	Special	Poison	Sludge	Special			
Normal	Double-Edge	Physical	Dark	Knock Off	Physical	Poison	Sludge Bomb	Special			
Ground	Earth Power	Special	Grass	Magical Leaf	Special	Normal	Snore	Special			
Ground	Earthquake	Physical	Grass	Mega Drain	Special	Grass	Solar Beam	Special			
Normal	Echoed Voice	Special	Psychic	Mimic	Status	Normal	Stomp	Physical			
Normal	Endure	Status	Ground	Mud-Slap	Physical	Ground	Stomping Tantrum	Physical			
Grass	Energy Ball	Special	Normal	Natural Gift	Physical	Normal	Strength	Physical			
Normal	Façade	Physical	Dragon	Outrage	Physical	Bug	String Shot	Status			

Diet: The more mature the plant on its back, the more nutrients the individual is able to utilize without eating. This makes Bulbasaur and their evolutions able to go extended lengths of time without food under the right circumstances, but as animals do still require external nutrients in the form of berries, nuts, and vegetables from time to time.

Conservation: Vulnerable.

Trainers are permitted to catch 1 Venusaur in a seven year period.

Relationship with Humans: Overall, Venusaur are very loving toward their herd and to their trainers. They can frequently be seen in Tournaments, childcare centers, medical professions, construction sites, and as assistants in Pokémon breeding facilities.

Evolution: Evolves from Ivysaur starting at level 32.