

BLACK RHINOCEROS

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The scientific name of the Black Rhinoceros is *Diceros Bicornis*. The Black Rhinoceros is a mammal. It lives in Africa, between forests and grasslands, but it has to be near water. They are 5 feet tall and 10-12 feet long. They eat leaves and woody plants. Their babies are sometimes prey for hyenas and lions.

They only have one baby at a time. They are pregnant for 15 months. When their babies are born, they are called calves and are 85 pounds. Black Rhinoceros' are endangered because of poachers. People think that dagger handles made out of Rhino horn means you're rich.

Ten facts about the Black Rhinoceros:

1. Some places think that Rhinoceros horns are medicine.
2. There were only 3,610 Black Rhino's in 2003.
3. They live for 25-40 years.
4. They are dangerous because they don't see good.
5. They roll in mud to keep flies off of them.
6. They need fresh water to live.
7. Black Rhinos are actually grey.
8. Their horns are made of fibers, not bone.
9. They only have three toes on each foot.
10. Their upper lips are shaped like a triangle.