

Rhinoceros

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Scientific name: Rhinoceros

Classification: Mammal.

Size: The regular size for a rhino is 750 pounds to 8,000 pounds. The adult rhino is four and a half to six feet tall.

Food: All the rhinos eat leaves and bushes. Rhinos can only eat plants, because they are herbivores.

Young: An adult female rhino gives birth to one baby rhino. A baby rhino is called a calf. A baby rhino is about two feet tall and eighty to 125 pounds. The mother rhino teaches everything

the calf needs to know to survive. The rhino normally stays until the mother gives birth again.

Habitat: Rhinos live in grassy plains and thick forests in Africa and Asia.

The rhino is endangered, because people hunt them for their horns to make medicine.

Ten Facts:

1. There are five species of rhinos. Two of them are from Africa and have two horns. The three other rhinos from Asia have only one horn.
2. Rhinos always live by water so they can go get a drink.
3. A rhino can smell very good, but has poor eyesight.
4. The rhinos are friends with the oxpeckers. The oxpecker is a bird that eats bugs off the rhino's body.
5. The white rhino is the second largest mammal that lives on land.
6. A rhino can stay alive up to forty years.
7. The rhino uses its horn to scare off lions.
8. Rhinos sleep standing up.
9. The white rhino is not white; it is brown or gray depending how it rolls in the mud.
10. Female rhinos give birth every 3 years.