

SIBERIAN TIGER

Panthera tigris altaica · also called Amur tiger

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Fast facts

ANIMAL GROUP	Mammal — big cat
NATIVE REGION	Russian Far East; a few in China
HABITAT	Forests
DIET	Carnivore: deer, elk, wild boar
SIZE	Males up to about 10 ft long
WEIGHT	Males up to about 660 lb
LIFESPAN	10–15 years wild; up to 20 in human care
STATUS	Endangered
OUR TIGERS	Alexis and Miracle (rescued)



Photo: Plumpton Park Zoo

Did you know?

- The Siberian, or Amur, tiger is the largest cat in the world.
- No two tigers have the same stripes.
- A tiger can eat up to 75 pounds of meat in one night.
- Tigers are strong swimmers that can cross rivers and lakes up to 5 miles wide.
- A tiger's friendly greeting is a soft snort called a chuff.

Words to know

Subspecies: a group within a species that lives in one area and looks a little different.

Endangered: at risk of disappearing from the wild.

Poaching: illegal hunting.

Ambush: a surprise attack from a hiding place.

Think about it

1. What is another name for the Siberian tiger?
2. How can scientists tell one wild tiger from another?
3. What large animals does a Siberian tiger hunt?
4. How many Amur tigers are thought to live in the wild?
5. What two threats are harming wild tigers?

Draw it

Draw a tiger stalking through the forest. Label its stripes, whiskers, paws and tail.

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