

Learn about Asian Elephants!

Asian Elephants are the largest herbivore in Asia, and one of the largest land animals on the planet! Elephants need to eat a lot to fuel their huge bodies, one elephant will spend up to 16 hours eating 165 to 330 pounds of grass and fruit to leaves and bark every single day!

Useful Noses

An elephant's trunk is actually a long nose with many functions! It is used for smelling, breathing, trumpeting, drinking, and grabbing things—especially a potential meal.

Their trunk has over 100,000 different muscles! Asian Elephants have one “finger” at the tip of their trunk to help them grab smaller items.



ASIAN ELEPHANT
SUPPORT

The Little Rock Zoo supports Asian Elephant Support, which helps to protect this endangered species in the wild!

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

Asian Elephant Support and Wildlife SOS:

<http://www.asianelephantsupport.org/about-asian-elephant-support>

<https://sandbox.wildlifesos.org/our-work/elephant/>

<https://wildlifesos.org/conservation/elephant-conservation-and-care-project/>

National Geographic:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/a/asian-elephant/>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/photo-ark-indian-elephant/>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/elephant-power/>

Other:

Saving Asian Elephants: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YpHUHI2MT8>

International Elephant Foundation: <https://elephantconservation.org/elephants/asian-elephants/>

San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/elephant>

Have you Herd?

Asian Elephants live in large family groups called herds. Herds are made up of an older female and her daughters and granddaughters. The oldest female is the matriarch and she leads her family herd to find food and water and helps protect them from dangers.

Make your own herd of elephants!

Trace your handprint on the elephant skin and cut it out. Flip it upside down and your fingers are the legs and your thumb is the trunk! Use a marker to give your elephant an eye, knees, toe nails, and other details. Then cut out and paste on the ears.

