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Andean Bear

Tremarctos ornatus

The Andean bear is South America's only bear, and it is the last survivor of the short-faced bears — the subfamily Tremarctinae, which also produced the enormous extinct Arctotherium and Arctodus. Th…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Ursidae
Habitat: Cloud forests and Andean mountains
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 20-25 years
Weight: 60-175 kg
Scientific name: Tremarctos ornatus

Did you know?

- Despite being classified as carnivores, up to 85% of the Andean bear's diet is plant-based.
- Paddington Bear was written as an Andean bear from "darkest Peru", which is one of the few cases of an obscure species getting a global mascot. Andea…

What I learned

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