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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Asian Elephant

*Elephas maximus*

The Asian elephant differs from the African in more than ear size. Its trunk ends in a single finger-like process rather than two, so it grips by curling the tip around an object and pinning it, wher…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal
**Family:** Elephantidae
**Habitat:** Tropical and subtropical forests, grasslands
**Diet:** Herbivore
**Conservation status:** Endangered
**Lifespan:** 48–60 years
**Weight:** 2,700–5,400 kg
**Scientific name:** Elephas maximus

## Did you know?

- Asian Elephants can recognize themselves in a mirror, demonstrating advanced self-awareness that is rare among animals.
- The Asian elephant has never been truly domesticated: working elephants are tamed individuals, wild-caught or captive-born, and their genetics have n…

## What I learned

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