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Animal Fact Sheet

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Baird's Tapir

Tapirus bairdii

Baird's tapir is the largest native land mammal in Central America and one of the least often seen. It is shy, largely nocturnal, and keeps to dense forest and water, and its growing scarcity is a pr…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Tapiridae
Habitat: Tropical forests, swamps, and lowland rainforests
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 25-30 years
Weight: 150-400 kg
Scientific name: Tapirus bairdii

Did you know?

- Baird's Tapir is sometimes called the 'mountain cow' by locals, yet it is more closely related to horses and rhinoceroses than to cows.
- It is the largest native land mammal in Central America, and rarely seen. Its trunk-like proboscis grips vegetation and works as a snorkel — it can w…

What I learned

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