

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Baird's Tapir

*Tapirus bairdii*

Baird's Tapir is the largest indigenous terrestrial mammal in Central America, recognized by its distinctive prehensile snout, which it uses to grab foliage and fruit. This shy, mostly nocturnal herb...

### 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.
- Despite their hefty size, Baird's Tapirs are excellent swimmers and often take to rivers to escape predators. They communicate using a series of high...

### What I learned

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