

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Okapi

*Okapia johnstoni*

The okapi is a large, herbivorous mammal native to the dense rainforests of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Central Africa. Often called the 'forest giraffe,' the okapi has a unique appearanc...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Giraffidae

**Habitat:** Dense tropical rainforest

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Endangered

**Lifespan:** 20–30 years

**Weight:** 200–350 kg

**Scientific name:** *Okapia johnstoni*

### Did you know?

- Despite their zebra-like stripes, okapis are the only living relative of the giraffe and are not closely related to zebras at all.
- Okapis have a long, prehensile tongue that can reach up to 18 inches, allowing them to strip leaves from trees and groom their ears. They were unknow...

### What I learned

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