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Sri Lankan Elephant

Elephas maximus maximus

The Sri Lankan elephant (Elephas maximus maximus) is the largest of the Asian elephant subspecies and the darkest, with characteristic patches of pale depigmented skin on the ears, face and trunk. It…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Elephantidae
Habitat: Tropical forests, grasslands, and scrublands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 55-70 years
Weight: 2,000-5,500 kg
Scientific name: Elephas maximus maximus

Did you know?

- Despite their massive size, Sri Lankan Elephants are capable swimmers and can cross large rivers in search of food or mates.
- Only about one in fourteen Sri Lankan bull elephants grows tusks, a far lower rate than in India. Up to 300 elephants gather on the dried bed of Minn…

What I learned

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