

Know Your Rhinos

Paleontologists believe that at least 60 different species of rhino ancestors once inhabited North America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Today, only five species remain and all five are threatened with extinction.



Javan Rhino
Rhinoceros sondaicus
Critically Endangered

Population: ~72
Range: Indonesia
Weight: 2,000 - 5,000 lbs
Height: 5 - 5.5 ft
Length: 6 -11.5 feet

Gray, hairless, skin folds look like armor plates.



Sumatran Rhino
Dicerorhinus sumatrensis
Critically Endangered

Population: <80
Range: Sumatra
Weight: 1,300 - 2,000 lbs
Height: 3 - 5 ft
Length: 6.5 - 9.5 feet

Fringed ears and reddish-brown skin, variably covered with long hair.



Greater One-Horned Rhino
Rhinoceros unicornis
Vulnerable

Population: ~3,600
Range: India and Nepal
Weight: 4,000 - 6,000 lbs
Height: 5.75 - 6.5 ft
Length: 10 -12.5 feet

Folds of skin that resemble plates of armor with rivets.



Black Rhino
Diceros bicornis
Critically Endangered

Population: ~5,600
Range: Africa
Weight: 1,750 - 3,000 lbs
Height: 4.5 - 5.5 ft
Length: 8 -12.5 feet

Broad snout with a prehensile lip adapted for grasping branches and leaves.



White Rhino
Ceratotherium simum
Near Threatened

Population: ~18,000
Range: Africa
Weight: 4,000 - 6,000 lbs
Height: 5 - 6 ft
Length: 10 -16 feet

Relatively broad snout with a square lip for grazing.