

Rhinos

What Are The Five Types Of Rhinos?

Rhinos are ancient animals that have been on earth for thousands of years. Today, only five types of rhinos remain: The white and black rhinos live in Africa. Sumatran and Javan rhinos live in Indonesia, while one-horned rhinos live in India.



Rhinos sometimes attack if they're frightened. Because of this, people think they're mean or vicious. They are dangerous, but not because they're mean. Rhinos have poor eyesight so they're easily scared. An angry or scared rhino can run up to 40 miles per hour, destroying anything in its path.

Facts about Rhinos

- Rhinos are endangered. Poachers kill them for their horns, which some people believe can be used to make medicine.
- White and black rhinos have two horns. Other rhinos have only one horn. The horns are made from keratin. Your fingernails and hair are made from keratin too. The horns are not magical and cannot be used for medicine. Rhinos use their horns to defend themselves.
- Tick birds ride on rhinos, eating the bugs off a rhino's body. The ticks also squawk if danger approaches.
- Rhinos eat plants and leaves.
- Rhinos have sensitive skin. It gets sunburned and insects hurt it. Rhinos roll in the mud to protect their skin.

Glossary:

- Ancient**: very old
- Remain**: still exist
- Attack**: fight
- Frightened**: scared
- Vicious**: mean, scary
- Poor eyesight**: they can't see very well
- Endangered**: harmed or destroyed completely
- Poacher**: someone who kills animals illegally
- Keratin**: protein (eiwit)
- Defend**: protect
- Tick bird**: oxpeckers (ossenpikkers, soort vogel)
- Squawk**: making a very loud sound

