

## Species Fact Sheet



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### Amur (Siberian) tiger

*Panthera tigris altaica*



**Peoria Zoo Exhibit** **Asian Trail**

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**Habitat:** From tundra to humid forests to coniferous bush-covered mountains up to 6600 feet

**Range:** Found in Asia, mostly in Russia and China. The Amur River runs through the middle of their natural range.

**Activity Cycle:** Will hunt anytime of the day or night

**Size:** The largest of the naturally breeding big cats- full grown males can reach lengths of 11 feet and 675 pounds, females can grow to 9 feet and 370 pounds. The largest recorded male was 13 feet in length and over 1000 pounds

**Social Structure:** Except for mothers and their dependant young, tigers generally live alone in their individual range. They keep in contact with other tigers by scent marking, claw marks and vocalizations

**Distinguishing Features:** Fur grows longer and thicker than most tigers (up to 22 inches long in some spots) with more white in their fur than others. There is less striping on the fur then other tigers, and stripes are more brown than black ruff of fur found around the neck to help keep them warm

**Diet:** Large animals such as wild boar, elk and roe deer

**Life Span:** Average between 15-20 years in captivity and 10-15 years in the wild.

### **Did you know?**

***That the stripe pattern on tigers are not symmetrical from one side of the animal to the other.***