



Species Fact Sheet



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Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth

Choloepus hoffmanni

Peoria Zoo Exhibit Historic Entry Building

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Habitat: Arboreal animal (spends its life in trees) found in mature and secondary rainforests and deciduous forests.

Range: Central and South America: From Nicaragua south to Bolivia, and from Peru east to Brazil.

Activity Cycle: Nocturnal— active at night

Size: 8-20 pounds and about 2 feet in length

Social Structure: Female sloths may live in groups, Males are usually solitary
Babies will cling to their mother the first month of their lives and become completely independent by 5 months.

Distinguishing Features: Brown fur has special grooves to encourage algae to grow, this allows them to camouflage with the leaves.
Long legs with claws on each foot are perfect for hanging in trees, but makes it difficult to move around on the ground. They have poor eyesight and hearing, relying on their sense of touch and smell to find food.

Diet: Tree leaves mainly, but will occasionally eat fruits and flowers

Life Span: Between 12-20 years normally, record of 32 years in captivity

Did you know?

Being on the ground makes them vulnerable so sloths only come down from the trees once a week to urinate and defecate.