

Pangolins



Pangolins live in many different habitats, including rainforests and grasslands. There are eight species of pangolins. Four species of pangolins live throughout Asia: Chinese, Sunda, Indian, and Philippine pangolins while the other four live in Africa.

1) Where do pangolins live?

2) How many species are there?

Pangolins live alone and are active mostly at night. Many live on the ground, but some also climb trees. Pangolins have long snouts and even longer tongues, which they use to snack on ants and termites they dig up from mounds with their powerful front claws. They can eat up to 70 millions of insects in a year. A pangolin's sticky tongue is sometimes as long as its body.

3) Describe pangolin's snouts and tongues.

4) How to they get their food?

5) How many insects do they eat in a year?

All pangolins are covered in scales made of keratin—just like our fingernails. The scales are heavy. The pangolin's armor is so tough and strong that even predators such as lions can't bite through it.

6) What is their body covering?

7) What are the THREE WORDS that describe their scale?

When threatened, pangolins roll into a ball. This helps them shield their stomach and face, which aren't covered in protective scales. From this position, pangolins can release a stinky fluid from a gland at the base of their spiky tails to keep predators away.

8) Why do they roll into a ball?

9) What is the use of the stinky fluids from their tails?
