

ORANGUTAN FACT CARDS

These cards contain facts for children about:

- Where orangutans live in the wild
- What foods they typically eat in the wild
- The traits, appearance and typical weight and life span of orangutans
- The threats to orangutans in the wild

These cards are differentiated (starred with 1, 2, or 3 stars and also colour-coded) and have been designed to be used with different year groups, from approximately year 3 to 6 plus.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 1 *



Orangutans live in the wild on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra.

They spend most of their time in trees in the forest canopy.

Each night they make sleeping nests from branches and foliage.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 2 *



Orangutans in the wild typically eat fruit growing in the rainforests (jackfruit, durian, lychees, mangosteens, mangoes and figs), palm shoots, young leaves and meat.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 3 *



The name orangutan means 'person of the forest'.

Bornean orangutans have the darkest hair. Tapanuli orangutans have smaller, wider faces than Sumatran orangutans.

They usually weigh 73 to 180 pounds.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 4 *



Female orangutans only have one infant every 3 to 5 years.

In the wild they typically live for 30 – 40 years.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 5 *



All three species of orangutan are critically endangered. This means they are in danger of extinction, dying out.

Humans are to blame for the decline in orangutans in the wild; the illegal pet trade, poaching and destruction of the rainforest to make way for oil palm plantations.

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ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 1 **



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Orangutans are great apes and are only found in the wild on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra.

They spend a lot of their time in the forest canopy.

They make elaborate sleeping nests each night from branches and foliage.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 2 **



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Orangutans in the wild eat a diet of about 60% fruit (e.g. jackfruit, durian, lychees, mangosteens, mangoes and figs), young leaves and shoots, insects, and sometimes bird eggs and small vertebrates.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 3 **



Tapanuli

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Bornean



Sumatran

The name orangutan means 'person of the forest'. The orangutans are gardeners of a forest because they are important for dispersing seeds in their habitats.

Bornean orangutans have the darkest hair. Tapanuli orangutans have smaller, broader faces than Sumatran orangutans.

They typically weigh 73 to 180 pounds.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 4 **



Females generally only have one infant every 3 to 5 years so the population is slow to recover from a decline.

In the wild they typically live for 30 – 40 years.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 5 **



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All three species of orangutan: Bornean, Sumatran and Tapanuli are critically endangered.

Humans have caused the severe decline in orangutans from poaching, the illegal pet trade, deforestation and planting of oil palm plantations on cleared land.

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ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 1 ***



There are three types of orangutan: The Bornean, the Sumatran and the Tapanuli (confirmed in Sumatra in 2017). These great apes are only found in the wild on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra.

They primarily live above in the forest canopy.

They use a variety of sophisticated tools and construct elaborate sleeping nests each night from branches and foliage.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 2 ***



Orangutans in the wild eat a diet of about 60% fruit (such as jackfruit, durian, lychees, mangosteens, mangoes and figs), young leaves and shoots, insects, and occasionally bird eggs and small vertebrates. Orangutans can also use sticks to find termites in termite mounds.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 3 ***



The name orangutan means 'person of the forest'. The orangutans are gardeners' of a forest since they are vital for seed dispersal in their habitats.

Bornean orangutans have the darkest hair. Tapanuli orangutans have smaller, broader faces than Sumatran orangutans.

They typically weigh 73 to 180 pounds.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 4 ***



Orangutans have a low reproductive rate, one infant every 3 to 5 years. This makes populations vulnerable if they decline as recovery will be slow.

In the wild they typically live for 30 – 40 years.

ORANGUTAN FACT CARD 5 ***



All three species of orangutan are critically endangered, with the numbers of all three species declining in the wild.

Humans have caused the severe decline in orangutans from poaching, the illegal pet trade and destroying their natural habitat to make way for oil palm plantations.