

Siberian Tiger Facts: Inside the Life of Earth's Largest Cat

1. What are the other names for the Siberian tiger?

The [Siberian tiger](#) is also known by various other names, including the Amur, the Manchurian, the Korean, and the Ussurian tigers.

The name Amur tiger comes from the [Amur River](#) region, where it is found.

The Manchurian comes from the [Manchuria region](#) of [northeastern China](#).

Historically, they were also found on the Korean peninsula and also deeply rooted in Korean traditions as a symbol of power, strength and national identity, which is why they are known as Korean tigers.

They are also found near the [Ussuri River](#) in eastern Russia, hence the name Ussurian tigers.

2. Why is the Siberian tiger's night vision stronger than that of humans?

The Siberian tigers have a greater number of rods in their eyes than humans.

The increased number of rods allows the Siberian tiger to detect the movement of its prey at night when color vision is ineffective.

The Siberian tigers have a structure called the tapetum lucidum present behind the retina, which helps them to view other animals in low-light conditions.

3. Which is the only species of tiger that survives in snow?

The Siberian tiger species has the ability to withstand extreme freezing temperatures.

They have adapted with a thicker, longer fur coat and additional fat layers to fight against the cold.

Their fur coat becomes longer and thicker, and their paws develop a thick fur pad, called winter boots, which keep them alive in cold temperatures.

4. Do you know the unique characteristics of the Siberian tiger?

They are distinguished by a thick, pale-yellow coat and narrow black stripes.

The weight of an adult male tiger ranges between 200 and 400 kg, while that of a female is between 120 and 180 kg.

The male tiger's head-to-body length ranges between 180 and 200 cm, while that of a female is between 160 and 184 cm.

5. Do you know the lifespan of the Siberian tiger?

They generally have a lifespan between 12 and 15 years in the wild. When kept under human care, they can live up to 25 years.

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