Printable animal fact cards for kids: two to a page, with sources

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Print animal fact cards two to a page: drawing, size, weight, speed, lifespan, three facts and sources. Choose all 100 animals, a habitat or a kind.

Peabody's printable animal fact cards come two to a Letter or A4 sheet, with a dotted line to cut, and you can print all 100 animals, one of eight habitats or one of six kinds. There's nothing to sign up for. Open the fact cards page, pick a set and press print.

What's on a card

Each card is one animal's page, boiled down to the things a child wants to hold in their hand:

- The animal's name, its science name and its drawing.
- Five numbers: length, height, weight, top speed and how long it lives. Each is written in feet, pounds and miles an hour, and again in metres, kilograms and kilometres an hour.
- What it eats and where it lives, in plain words.
- Three facts.
- How it's doing in the wild, in a few gentle words, with the real Red List name beside it.
- The names of the sources, and the address of the animal's page.

If no page I trust gives a number, the card says "not yet checked" on that line. That is on purpose. The three-toed sloth's card has a gap on all five lines, and I'd rather print an honest gap than a number I couldn't point to.

One card, line by line

Here is what the cheetah's card says. Every number comes from the Smithsonian's National Zoo.

- Line: Length · The cheetah's card: 5.8 to 7.4 ft (1.8 to 2.3 m)
- Line: Height · The cheetah's card: 30 in (77 cm)
- Line: Weight · The cheetah's card: 75 to 141 lb (34 to 64 kg)
- Line: Top speed · The cheetah's card: 60 to 70 mph (96 to 112 km/h)
- Line: Lives · The cheetah's card: 8 to 10 years
- Line: Eats · The cheetah's card: antelopes such as gazelles and impalas, and hares
- Line: Lives in · The cheetah's card: the grasslands of eastern and southern Africa, and a few in Iran
- Line: In the wild · The cheetah's card: Needs help (Vulnerable)

Under that are three facts, such as "Its claws stay out a little, like the spikes on a runner's

shoes," and a footer with the source and the web address.

How to print them

1. Go to Animals, fact cards.
2. Choose a set. The buttons show how many cards are in each.
3. Press the print button. It reads something like "Print 100 cards on 50 sheets." Your browser's print window opens, and only the cards go to paper.
4. Cut along the dotted line down the middle of each sheet.

The sets are the whole collection, the eight places animals live (savanna, rainforest, ocean, desert, snow, forest, ponds and backyard) and the six kinds (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and animals without a backbone). Ocean is the biggest place, at 31 cards, and desert the smallest, at 9. An odd number of cards just leaves one space empty on the last sheet.

You can also print a single card. Every animal page has a "Print a fact card" button, and the sheet holds that animal's card beside another animal's. Compare Two prints the pair you're looking at, one card for each.

Things to do with a stack

- Sort by home. Print a habitat and pin the cards to a wall under a drawing of that place. The habitat pages are the picture to match.
- Line up by speed. Put the cards in order of top speed, and leave the ones that say "not yet checked" in a pile. That pile is a list of questions to look up.
- Guess the animal. Cover the name and the drawing, read out the numbers and the food, and let someone guess. Then play the size sorter to see the sizes side by side.
- Start a report. A card has the five numbers and the sources already, which is most of what a short report needs. My post on writing an animal report shows where a card fits.
- Play with a class. Print one habitat for each table and swap.

Where the numbers come from

I look at Wikidata first, because it often says where its own numbers came from. Then I use US government pages, such as the National Park Service and NOAA Fisheries. When neither has the number, I use the Smithsonian's National Zoo. A person reads the number off the page, and a computer checks the page again. Each figure on the cards was read and checked on 30 October 2026. The guide Where do the numbers come from? has the whole story.

Questions grown-ups ask

Can I print the cards for my class?

Yes. Print as many sets as you need. For a whole class, one habitat per table keeps the stacks small.

Do the cards use miles or kilometres?

Both. Each number is printed in feet, pounds and miles an hour with the metric number beside it.

Are there cards for dinosaurs?

The sets on the cards page are for the 100 living animals. The dinosaur pages, which start at the dinosaur wing, have their own numbers and sources, and their sizes are scientists' estimates.

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