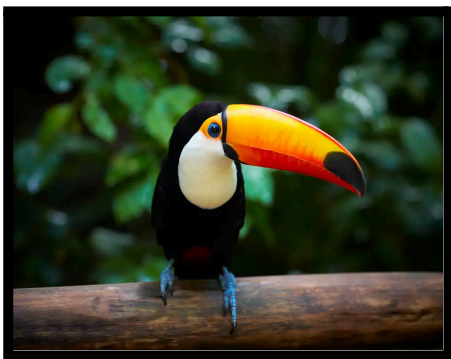


# Brazil: Animals and Wildlife



Brazil is home to only part of the Amazon forest. They have animals from monkeys to alligators, birds and reptiles. Take a look at the different animals that can be found in Brazil!.



## **Toco toucan**

The toco toucan, also known as *Ramphastos toco*, are found in southern and eastern Brazil. Toco toucans have a mostly black body, with a white tail and neck and brightly coloured beak. They have a narrow blue ring around their eyes, surrounded by an orange outer ring. What we know as the beak is usually between 6.2 and 9.1 inches in length and is usually warm coloured (red, orange). The toco toucan uses its beak to easily pluck fruits and eat small reptiles. The beautiful birds can weigh between 500 and 900 grams, and

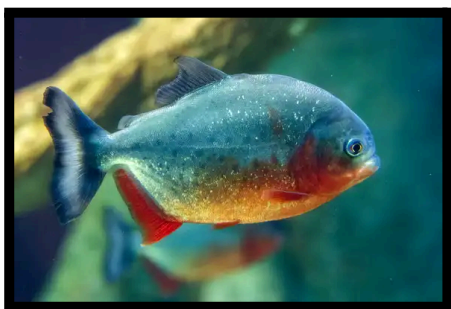
the female birds lay two eggs per year.



## **Three-toed sloth**

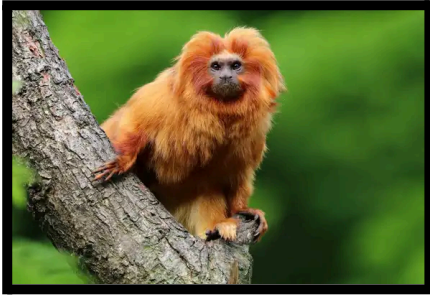
Three-toed sloths were given its name to distinguish the difference between the double-toed sloths. They can grow up to 18 inches long - that's one foot long and one 6 inch subway put together. Three-toed sloths usually weigh between 3.5 to 4.5 kilograms. The sloths fur, coloured between brown and green, makes it easy for them to camouflage when they feel the need to.

Three-toed sloths have long curved claws that make it easy for them to cling to trees and jump to and from them.



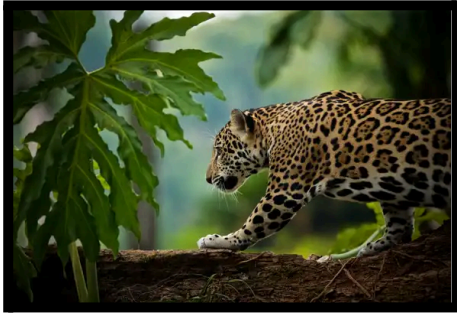
## **Piranha**

Piranhas are freshwater fish. Some of us may know them as vicious flesh eating fish. Piranhas can be found in the Amazon river. They have strong, healthy jaws, and sharp teeth that make them the strongest biting fish. Fun fact - Theodore Roosevelt (the President of America in 1913) witnessed a group of starved piranhas eat a cow up to its skeleton. So if you ever come across a piranha, take caution!



### **Golden lion tamarin**

This species is found in southeastern Brazil. It was given its name because of its bright reddish-orange coloured hair that covers its face and ears, almost like a lion's mane. The small creatures have claw-like nails to help them cling to tree trunks. In Brazil, most tamarins are found in the tropical rainforest in the southeastern area. The golden lion tamarin often gives birth to twins, although they can have triplets and quadruplets.



### **Jaguar**

The jaguar is one of the largest cat species that thrive among Brazilian wildlife. Although they live on the land, these cats love swimming. They have a yellow-ish coat with black spots. Spots on a jaguar are usually shaped like a rose, which helps jaguars to camouflage. The jaguars weight and size can differ, but the more south you go, the bigger the jaguar. This cat is at the top of the food chain, as it is not preyed on by any other animal. In Brazil, jaguars can

be found in Xingu National Park, Amazon basin and northern Cerrado. When born, they are blind and gain their eyesight two weeks after its birth.

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