

## Asian Elephants

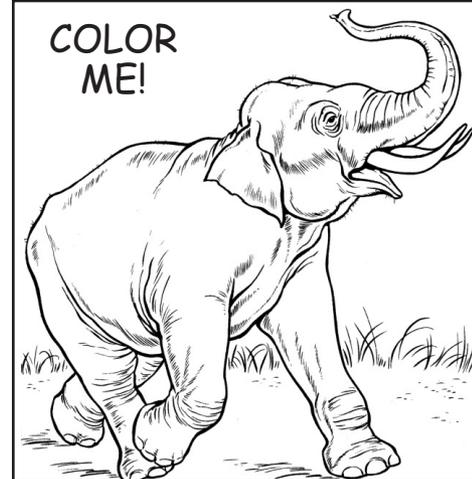


making pianos and ivory chopsticks. Deforestation is also a threat, caused by humans wanting more land for agriculture.

### Interesting facts about the Asian elephant:

- The Asian elephant has twenty rib bones!
- They can eat up to 330 pounds of plants a day!
- Only male asian elephants have tusks.
- Elephants are the largest land mammal in the world
- The elephant's trunk is able to sense the size, shape and temperature of an object. An elephant also uses its trunk to lift food and suck up water then pour it into its mouth.
- Asian elephants can grow to be about 10 feet tall and weigh 6 tons!

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Asian elephants, like their name explains, live in southern Asia. They are smaller than African elephants, and their ears are much smaller. They can even live longer- the longest lifespan recorded was 80 years!

Asian elephants are usually grey, but can appear tan from dust and dirt. They do give themselves baths though! They almost always stay near a permanent water source and use approximately 21-53 gallons of water to bathe themselves.

These elephants are well known for domestication in some countries. What does that mean? It means the elephants are tamed and trained to help with various forms of work, including lifting logs. They are also used in celebrations, used as carriages, and in festivals. This also shows that these elephants are highly intelligent and aware.

Asian elephants usually live in grasslands and forest areas. After they're born and grow up, females stay in the herd while males leave the herd. Males sometimes form temporary 'bachelor groups'.

The asian elephant is an endangered species. They're targeted for poaching since ivory is in demand. Ivory is found in elephant tusks, and used in