

SPECIES

Where is Dumbo from?

Mrs. Jumbo is an Asian elephant—though filmmakers created a slightly larger elephant since she's called Mrs. Jumbo. So, Dumbo is also an Asian elephant. There are three species of elephants living on Earth today: the African savanna or bush elephant, the African forest elephant and the Asian or Indian elephant.

SIZE

Big, bigger, biggest

Elephants are the largest land animals living on Earth today. A newborn elephant weighs about 200 to 230 pounds. African elephants are larger than Asian elephants. African elephant males can grow more than 11 feet tall and weigh more than 11,000 pounds!

FAMILY

Mom rules!

Elephant herds are led by the oldest female (cow) called the matriarch. The herd is made up of mothers, young elephants (calves), sisters and aunts. Adult male elephants (bulls) leave the herd and spend the rest of their lives living alone or occasionally hanging out with other bulls.



DIET

Hugely herbivorous

Elephants are herbivores, which means no meat for these giants! They spend half to three quarters of each day eating grasses, leaves, fruits, roots and bark—a whole lot of it! An adult African elephant can eat as much as 600 pounds of food in one day, which creates a lot of...

POOP

Tons of dung!

Elephants make tons of poop, literally! A full-grown elephant can drop more than 1,000 pounds of poop each week! That's actually a great thing, because their poop creates fertile soil and disperses seeds that lead to new plant growth.

INTELLIGENCE

Colossal cortexes

The average elephant brain weighs about 11 pounds—more than three times the size of the average human brain! Elephants are intelligent and social. Some of an elephant's outstanding abilities include problem solving, tool use, memory and compassion. They also communicate by blowing air through their trunks, or trumpeting, when they're excited. Visit DisneyAnimals.com to discover for yourself just how amazing elephants truly are.



