



Three-toed Sloths

Green Mammals



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Covered in Green

In a thick, green forest, many tall trees grow.

Long, tangled vines cling to them.

Tiny plants grow on the **bark** of their trunks and branches.

Don't be fooled, however.

Some of the greenish bark isn't what it seems to be.

It's a slow-moving animal called a three-toed sloth!



A three-toed sloth's greenish fur acts as **camouflage**, making the animal hard to see.

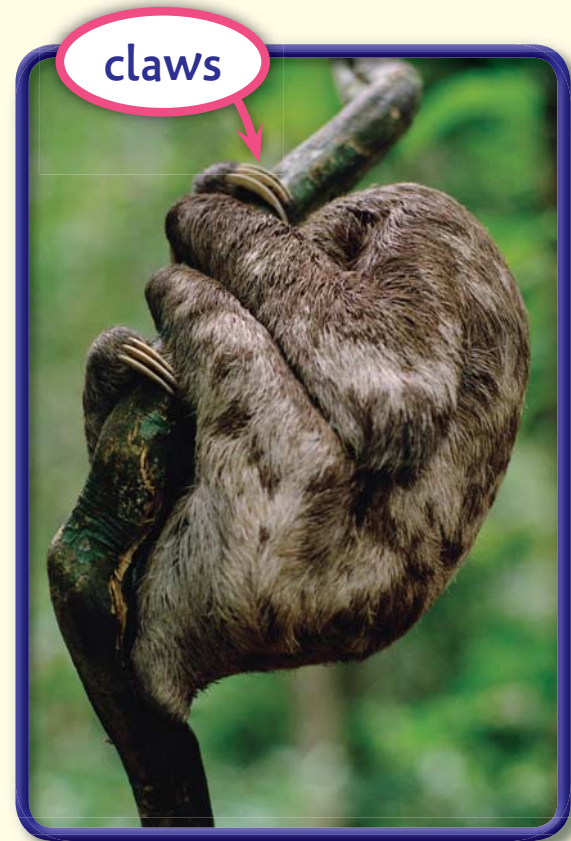


Hanging Around

Three-toed sloths spend almost all their time in trees.

Sometimes they hang upside down from tree branches.


They use their large, hook-like **claws** to hold on tight.

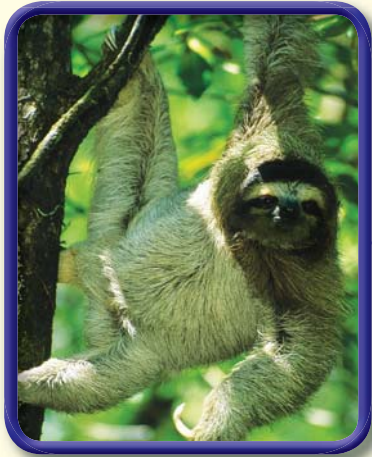



There are four kinds of three-toed sloths. All of them live in thick, green forests in Central and South America.

Where Three-toed Sloths Live




 Brown-throated sloth



 Pygmy sloth
(lives on an island in Central America)



 Pale-throated sloth



 Maned sloth



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Is that a part of a tree, or is it a furry animal? Sometimes it's hard to tell. The shaggy fur of a three-toed sloth looks so much like moss-covered tree bark that the animals are able to blend right in with the trees and plants around them. Hungry animals usually pass right by the camouflaged creatures, missing out on a big meal. Look inside to learn more about the ways these masters of disguise live and stay safe—but keep a close eye on them. If you don't, they might disappear right before your eyes.

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