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# A Day in the Life

A sloth hangs upside down in a tree. It slowly pulls a branch to its mouth. Its tough lips tear off a leaf. With peglike teeth, the sloth chews. It swallows and slowly reaches out again. It tears off a new leaf, chews, and swallows. The sloth does this again and again. Then, still hanging upside down, it sleeps. The sloth's claws keep a firm grip on the tree.







## Two Types

Sloths are amazing, and very slow-moving, animals. There are two families of sloths. Three-toed sloths have three toes on each foot.

Two-toed sloths only have two toes on their front feet. They have three toes on their back feet.

HOW BIG ARE SLOTHS?

**three-toed sloth**

**16 TO 27 INCHES**  
(41 to 69 centimeters)

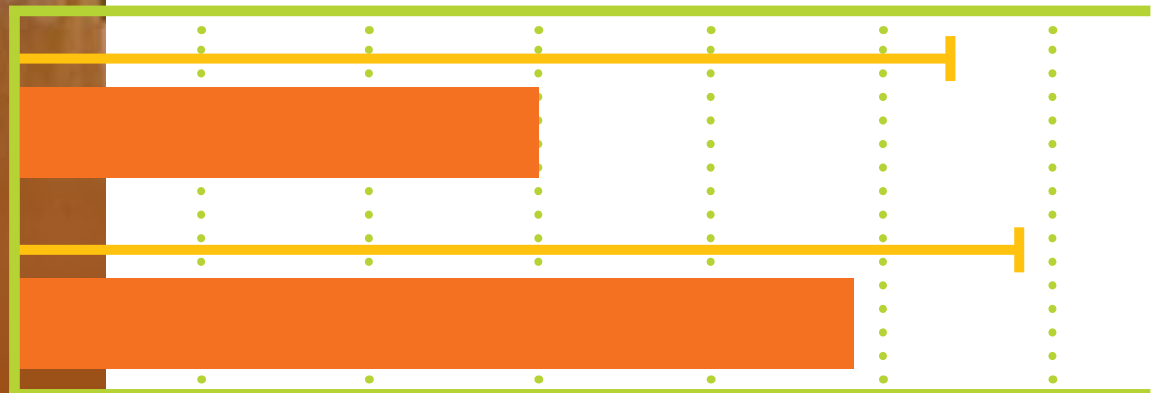
**4 TO 15 POUNDS**  
(2 to 7 kilograms)

**two-toed sloth**

**21 TO 29 INCHES**  
(53 to 74 cm)

**11 TO 24 POUNDS**  
(5 to 11 kg)

INCHES 0 5 10 15 20 25 30



POUNDS 0 5 10 15 20 25 30



## SLOTH FEATURES

HEAD

CLAWS

EARS

HAIR

TAIL  
(only on three-toed sloths)

