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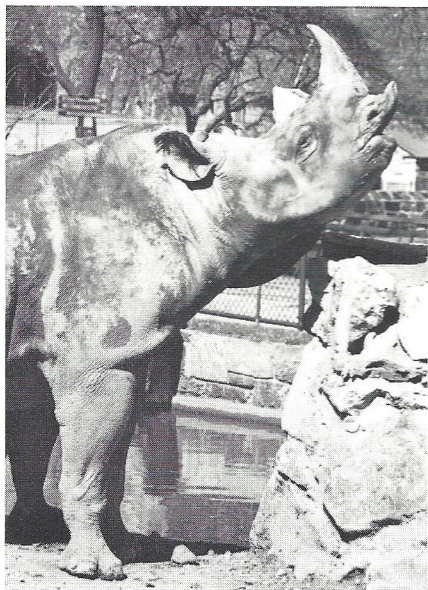
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**BLACK RHINOCEROS** The more common of the two African species.



The several species of rhinos are distinguished from one another by the number of horns, shapes of heads, size and location of the deep skin folds, etc. The black rhino has a prehensile lip (left) that is useful for browsing on thorny shrubs; the white rhino, a grazer, is square-lipped. (The names "black" and "white" rhinos are misnomers, since the former is brown and the latter, gray.)

The Indian rhino has the largest and most spectacular folds and flaps of leathery skin, and the great round knobs on its hide suggest rivet heads on an iron boiler (see details on photo, opposite page).

Indian



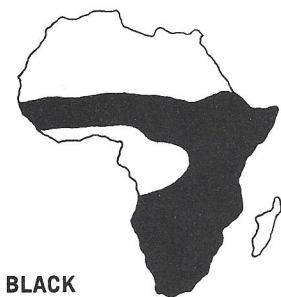
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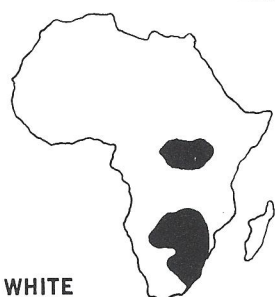
Sumatran



Maps show former ranges. Rhinos now occupy only fractions of areas indicated.



**BLACK**

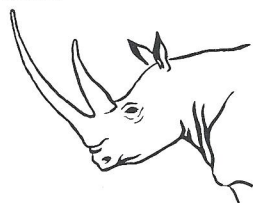


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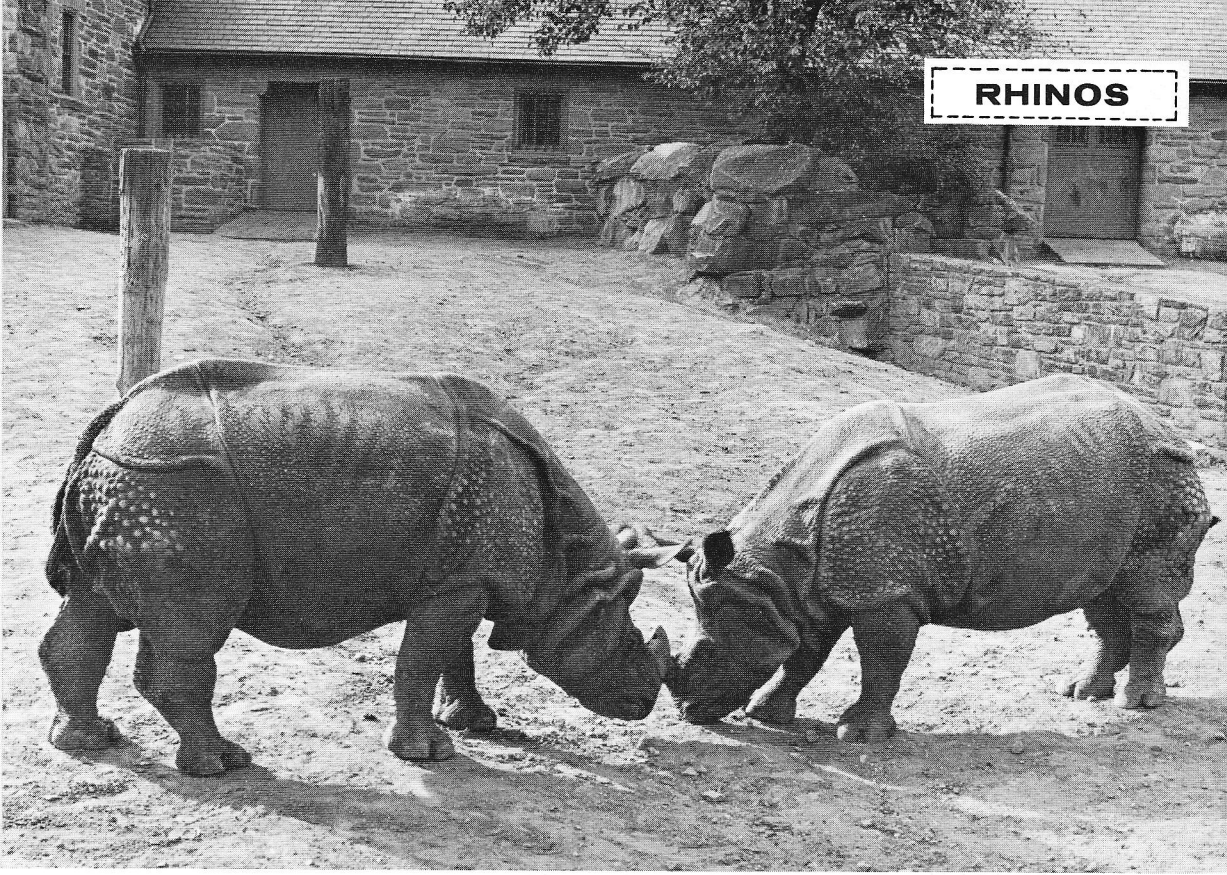
Black



White

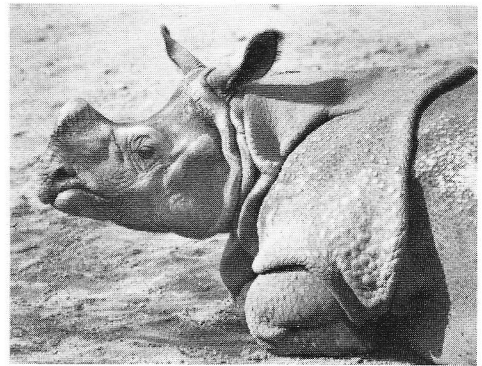


# RHINOS



**INDIAN RHINOCEROS** / The largest of the three Asian Rhinos.

Of all big mammals rhinos are causing conservationists the gravest concern. Their ranges are shrinking alarmingly, and one kind is teetering on the brink of oblivion. They need spacious reservations; some are truculent, unpredictable, and dangerous; and they have been persecuted for centuries because of their horns. Rhino horn, although worthless for the purpose, brings fabulous prices as a stimulant among some oriental peoples. The horns are not true horns at all but are composed of closely-packed masses of horny fibers having their origin in the skin. Wild rhinos have the longest horns, but they average much shorter than the maximum sizes shown on the chart. Captive rhinos wear down their horns by rubbing them against cage walls.



## RHINO FACTS AND FIGURES

	GREAT INDIAN	JAVAN	SUMATRAN	BLACK	WHITE
<b>Weight</b>	2 tons	1½ tons	1 ton	1½ tons	3 tons
<b>Height at Shoulder</b>	5 ft. 6 in.	5 ft.	4 ft. 6 in.	5 ft.	6 ft.
<b>World's Record Horns</b>	24 in.	10¾ in.	15 in.	4 ft. 5½ in.	5 ft. 2¼ in.
<b>Present Status*</b>	About 900.	Fewer than 70.	A few hundred.	Most common, but decreasing steadily.	About 1000.

\* Figures indicate approximate number of surviving specimens.

