

Brown throated sloth

Bradypus variagatus



Range: Central and South America

Size: ♂: 61-64cm (24- 25 in)

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Weight ♂: 3.5- 5.2kg(7.7-11.5 lbs)

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Tail: 6-7 cm (2.5 in)

Habitat: rain forest

Estrus: n/a

Estrus cycle: n/a

Gestation : 210 days

Litter: 1

Weaning: 12 weeks

Sexual maturity: 36-60 months

Lifestyle: Arboreal

Activity: Diurnal

Social:solitary

Breeding: monogamous

Movement :sedentary

Food: leaves of over 50 tree species

IUCN: Least Concern

Subspecies : 8

Longevity: captive: n/a

Wild: 30-40 years



Order: Pilosa Family: Bradypodidae

One of the slowest moving vertebrates on the planet the Brown throated sloth has been timed at 13 feet per minute over ground. They survive by remaining inconspicuous to large neotropical predators. The fur houses symbiotic algae which provides camouflage to the sloth.

Three-toed sloths are obligate folivores which means they eat only leaves. Leaves are very low in energy and nutrition so the sloth has physiological adaptations to deal with it's

diet. Three-toed sloths have a very small percentage of muscle mass for it's size. The stomach holds a large amounts of undigested food. It can take up to a week for food to digest.