

Learn about Three-Banded Armadillos!

Southern Three-Banded Armadillos are small mammals that are native to South America. Like all Armadillos they specialize in eating insects, which they find using their sensitive nose and dig up using their strong front claws. They also have large ears to help them listen for predators trying to hunt them.

Armored Mammals

Armadillos have specialized skin in the form of leathery plates of armor. Three-Banded Armadillos are the only species that can roll into a complete ball when they are threatened.



The Little Rock Zoo works with the Southern Three-Banded Armadillo Species Survival Plan, which helps to support this amazing species in zoos and their endangered cousins, like the Giant Armadillo, in the wild!

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

Armadillo Conservation:

<https://www.giantarmadillo.org/>

<https://www.worldlandtrust.org/species/mammals/giant-armadillo/>

National Geographic:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/group/armadillos/>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/photo-ark-southern-three-banded-armadillo/>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/5-reasons-why-hub/5-reasons-why-armadillos-are-awesome/>

Other:

SciShow Kids - Armadillos: Animals with Armor!: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPt0nFem5SY>

Smithsonian National Zoo: <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/la-plata-three-banded-armadillo>

San Diego Zoo: <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/animals/three-banded-armadillo>

Armadillo Homes

Southern Three Banded Armadillos are only found on the grasslands of South America, there they dig burrows to sleep in and raise their young. Armadillo burrows often help provide homes to other animals when the armadillo is done using it, making armadillos habitat architects!

Help the Three-Banded Armadillo find its burrow!

