

# TAMANDUA

## Tree Climbing Anteaters!

Tamanduas are a species of anteater that is arboreal, meaning they spend most of their time in trees! The two new tamanduas at the zoo are Southern tamanduas native to South America. They are mostly nocturnal, active at night and sleepy during the day.

Tamanduas eat social insects such as ants, termites and bees. "Social" means they live together – it's easier to feast from anthills,

termite nests and beehives than to find prey one insect at a time. Tamanduas have long, thin tongues that they use to forage for their food – and no teeth!

They also have long claws that help them climb trees. In fact, they are sort of clumsy on the ground and have to walk on the outsides of their feet to avoid scratching themselves with their own sharp claws!

**Help the tamandua find its next meal by following the right trail in this tamandua maze. Then come see tamanduas Dexter and Derby in the Nocturnal Animals wing of the zoo!**

