

Scientists use Greek and Latin words while naming animals. One reason they do this is to avoid confusion. Since there are ten species of anteaters and many living in the same country it could get confusing! Below are scientific names. Using this word key, translate their names and guess what species they refer to.

Greek and Latin Definitions

- cyclopes = circle-foot
- dactyl = toe
- dactylus = finger or toe
- di = two
- ensis = from the
- lingua = tongue
- múrmēx = ant
- phaga = eater, glutton
- pilosa = hairy
- rufus = red
- tamandua = ant eater
- tetra = four
- tri = three
- vermi = worm
- Xingu = Xingu region / Xingu river

Scientific Names for Anteaters

- Cyclopes didactylus*
= _____
- Cyclopes rufus*
= _____
- Cyclopes xinguensis*
= _____
- Myrmecophaga tridactyla*
= _____
- Pilosa
= _____
- Tamandua tetradactyla*
= _____
- Vermilingua
= _____

