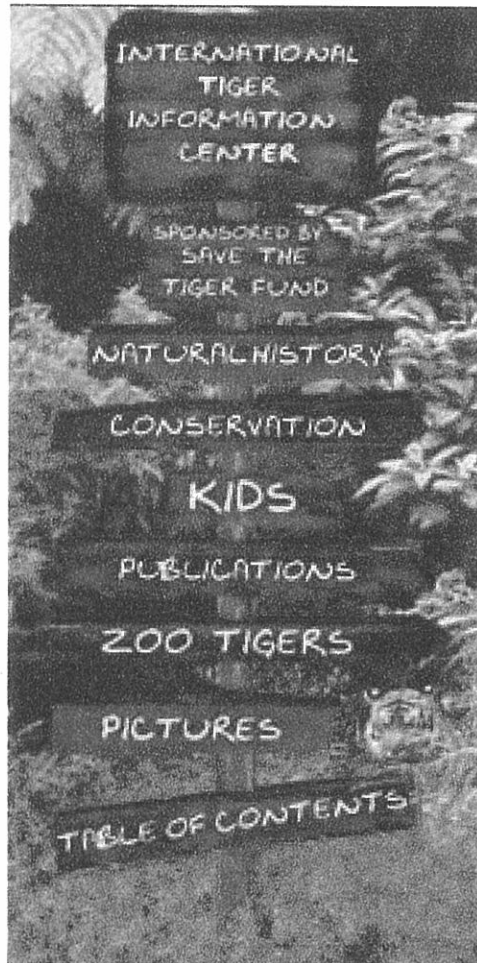


# International Tiger Information Center

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**<http://www.5tigers.org>**  
**1-800-5tigers**

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## INTRODUCTION

The International Tiger Information Center (ITIC) was created to provide the public, scientific, and conservation communities with an international forum for exchanging information relevant to the preservation of wild tigers across Asia and in zoos worldwide. It provides multiple levels of information ranging from general to scientific and is continually updated to provide the most current information about tigers available. ITIC is located at the Minnesota Zoo and went on-line on 28 September 1995, the same day its sponsors, the Exxon Corporation and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, publicly announced the creation of the Save the Tiger Fund. The Information Center currently includes a Web site on the World Wide Web (<http://www.5tigers.org>) and an information telephone line (1-800-5TIGERS).

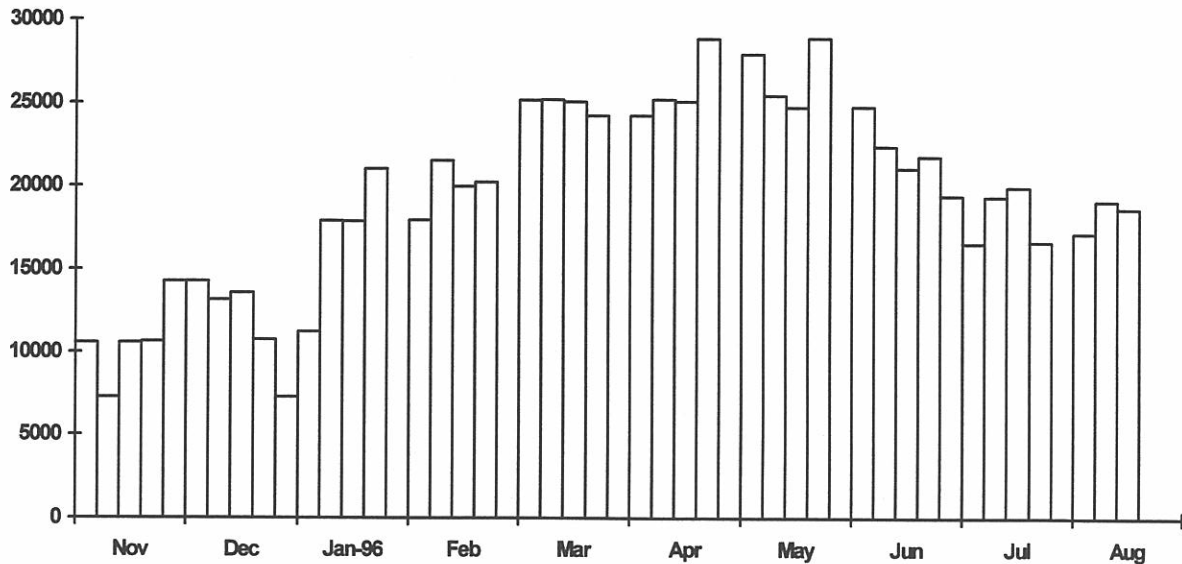
The 5Tigers Web site intends to integrate tiger information from international newsletters—*Cat News*, from the IUCN Cat Specialist Group, *Tiger Link*, from the Ranthambhore Foundation, *Tigris*, from the CBSG Tiger Global Conservation Strategy, occasional reports from TRAFFIC and World Wildlife Fund—the development of a geographical information system (GIS) database of Asian tiger habitat, that would incorporate information from as it is generated from the WWF-US and Wildlife Conservation Society's "A Framework for Identifying High-Priority Areas and Actions for the Conservation of Tigers in the Wild"; "A Habitat Protection Plan for Amur Tiger Conservation" from the Hornocker Wildlife Institute; the GIS database from the Royal Forest Department of Thailand, the World Conservation Monitoring Centre, the IUCN Cat Specialist Group, and other organizations; and the Tiger Protected Areas System of Sumatra from the Sumatran Tiger Project. We will include relevant information about wild tigers from reports on tiger workshops, conferences, and symposia, books, publications, popular articles, and bibliographies, newspaper articles, legislative updates, graphics, audio and video tapes. All of this information will be immediately available to anyone with access to the Internet, around the clock, and around the world at no cost.

The 5 Tigers Web site also intends to expand to be exhaustive in its coverage of information about zoo tigers from around the world. Future plans are to include information on tiger studbooks, breeding recommendations and other concerns of the CBSG Tiger Global Conservation Strategy, which includes regional tiger programs in North America, Europe, India, Japan, China, Southeast Asia, and Australia. Because the Web site has the ability to provide a great volume of information, as well as to provide e-mail links among members of regional programs, it has the potential to be the vehicle of the future in managing captive tigers.

Currently, the 5 Tigers Web site includes the following information categories:

- Distribution and status of the five tiger subspecies, natural history and behavior of tigers, and threats to tigers
- Tiger conservation organizations, programs, and field projects

## Total Hits per Week on 5TIGERS Web site



## WEB SITE CONTENTS

### Reorganization of Opening Page and Table of Contents

As the amount of information added to the site grew, we received increasing requests via e-mail for information that was already on the site. In April we revamped the "shortcuts" page into a Table of Contents (in Supporting Documents), an outline list of hypertext links to include all documents on the site, so that viewers would easily see all the documents available. The sections identified on the opening signpost were also reformatted so that each section's opening page would provide outline links to all the material in that section. This greatly helped to remove "dead-ends" that required the visitor to back up. We also began adding section links at the bottom of new pages so viewers could go to any other major section from any page.

### Search Engine

The newest feature on the site, which will greatly enhance its usefulness, is a "search engine" that will allow visitors to search our site. For example, those interested in a particular subspecies or region or "white tigers" will be able to find all the references to that subject, whether they are in the Kids Pages, Publications, or anywhere else on the site. As we add more and more information, the ability to search will be increasingly important.

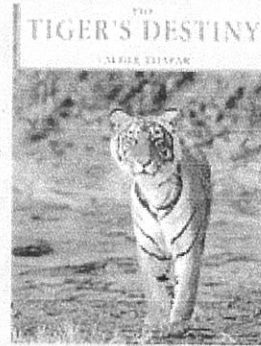
**Book Reviews.** A new section on books about tigers has just been started this summer. Both fiction and nonfiction for adults and children will be listed and described briefly. When reviews are available, they will be added to the site. There is lots of room for expansion here.

**The Tiger's Destiny.** 1993 Text by Valmik Thapar, photographs by Fateh Singh Rathore and Mahpal Singh

**Book Review Digest**

**SUMMARY:** The author examines the fate of the tiger 'in his discussion of India's Ranthambhore National Park. . . . In the early chapters he details tiger folklore. . . . The middle section includes . . . color photographs, with captions that explain tiger behavior and ecology. In the concluding chapters, Thapar . . . [examines] the complexity involved in tiger conservation.' (Libr J.) Bibliography. Index.

**REVIEW:** "The second section would be worth the purchase price even if it were published without text. Beautiful full-page and half-page full-color photographs of th tigers in India's Ranthambhore National Park depict the lives of tigers in the wild. From a photograph of a female and her cubs to pictures of tigers who have been forced to a nocturnal life in their quest for survival, these pictures say more about the daily lives of tigers than any textbook or environmental-awareness pamphlet could ever communicate. . . . Young adult." (Booklist v90 p231 O 1 '93)



**Other Additions.** Dr. Bruce Marcot, a wildlife ecologist for the USDA Forest Service, presented us with two of his reports from a journey to Siberia. The Sumatran Tiger PHVA (Population Habitat and Viability Assessment) is largely available, with some chapters still to come. News reports gathered from Lexus-Nexus information service are updated approximately monthly. And the entire Tiger Bibliography originally circulated by the Minnesota Zoo's Conservation Department (current through 1995) can be found on the site. Several callers have mentioned their appreciation for this reference material.

### SEJARAH ASAL USUL

Kebudayaan Javanese  
Etnografi dan Sastra

**5 Jenis jenis hariman**

- [Kata Pembukaan](#)
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## Zoo Tigers and Natural History

The Natural History section contains the basic information on distribution of tigers in the wild, subspecies, and behavior; which is for the most part unchanged since the site was

## Kids' Stuff

The emphasis in the KIDS section of the 5tigers web site, has been on creating an environment that is both educational and interactive. To that end, the Kids' page has several unique sections that encourage kids to communicate with us; the "Art Gallery," "Ask Annie," and "Kids Helping Tigers."

### Art Gallery:

The Art Gallery features tiger art sent to us from kids age 12 and under. In addition to artwork done by individual kids, we have received tiger art from 4 different school classes that have done drawings as part of a class unit on tigers (see example of web page below). When teachers call or send e-mail requesting information for their classes, we always encourage them to send us tiger art.

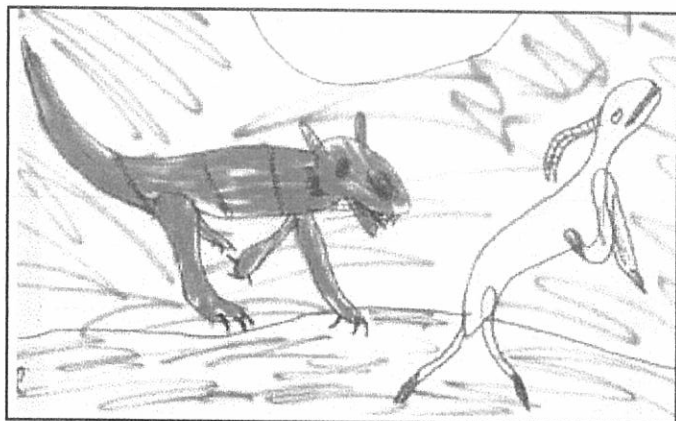
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### Winthrop Primary Center, Bellmore, NY

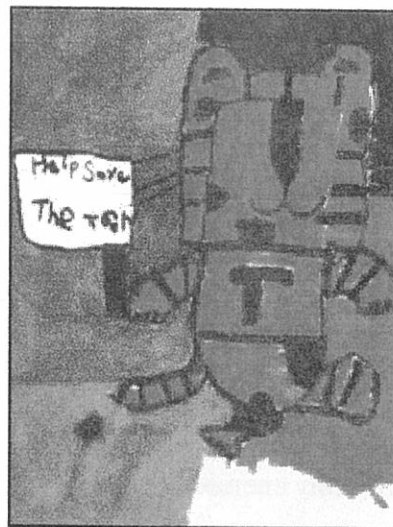
Dr. Myra Lieblich, Principal

Rose Sava, Coordinator

The second graders at Winthrop Primary Center held a fundraising drive for the Save the Tiger Fund and raised more than \$250! We thank them and all the second grade teachers for their contributions and their great artwork!!!



*Patrick McAree*



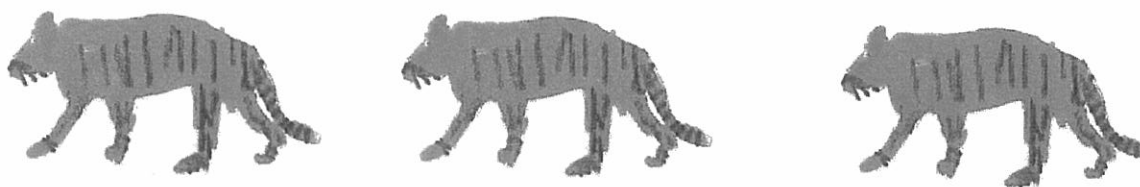
*Billy Harkins, Mike Siwick  
Matthew Zafrin, and Jared Goldstein*

## Kids Helping Tigers:

Kids Helping Tigers is the newest addition to our Kids' Section - a place where kids who want to make a difference are acknowledged for their efforts (see web page example below). Although this section is only a few weeks old, we already have three entries; two schools who raised money for the Save the Tiger Fund, and one little girl who started her own tiger web page! As the new school year begins, we hope that this page will encourage other kids to get involved in tiger conservation. The Tiger Information Center is currently developing a certificate of achievement to be mailed out to kids who help tigers.

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### Kids helping tigers



Kids are doing all kinds of things to help tigers. Alone and in groups, kids are teaching people about the plight of tigers and raising money to help support tiger conservation. This page tells you about some of the ways kids are helping tigers. Tell us your story!!! You can write to the Tiger Information Center at 13000 Zoo Blvd., Apple Valley, MN 55124, or send us e-mail. If you have any photographs, send those too!

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#### Hamilton Junior High Cypress, Texas



Students at Hamilton Junior High, whose school mascot is a tiger, raised \$1,000 for the Save the Tiger Fund by placing collection boxes in the lunchroom to gather left-over change. Teachers pitched in too, and offered special incentives (like a day off of homework!) to kids who made donations. Here, Rita Browning, a teacher at Hamilton, hands a check to the Exxon tiger. GOOD WORK you guys!!!



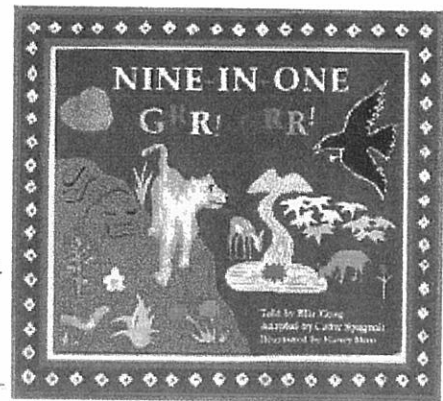
**Nine-In-One Grr! Grr!.** 1989. Children's Book Press, San Francisco, CA. Text by Cathy Spagnoli. Pictures by Nancy Hom. ISBN 0-89239-110-3.

**Reviewed for the Tiger Information Center by *Whiskers***

**REVIEW:**

This delightful folktale from the lore of the Hmong people of Laos tells the story of when the great god Shao who lives in the sky, promises Tiger, the first and only tiger on earth, that she will have nine cubs each year. When Bird hears this she becomes frightened, and comes up with a clever plan to keep the land from being overrun by tigers.

Nine-In-One Grr!Grr! is told by Blia Xiong, who heard it when she was a small child in the mountains of Laos. It is richly illustrated with strikingly colorful paintings modeled after the needlepoint "story cloths" of the Hmong. It is a very Asian story with a universal theme, full of warm, whimsical humor, where cleverness saves the day. It is a story for all children.



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## TELEPHONE AND FAX-BACK ACTIVITY

The International Tiger Information Center continues to attract many visitors to its Web site and phone-fax line, but the balance between the two information sources is weighted heavily toward the Web site. Telephone activity was very heavy in the first few days and weeks after the Center was announced. Callers who listened to the recorded messages and held to speak to Information Center staff numbered 324 in the first 6 months from September 28, 1995, through March 31, 1996. In the following 5 months, 117 calls from 29 states, Canada and the United Kingdom were made to staff (or voice mail).

### Calls Made to 800-5 Tigers Automated Line

Period	No. of Calls	Minutes
December 1995-January 1996	1801	3901
February 1996	666	2174
March	425	1553
April	328	988
May	292	1022
June	258	819

### Fax Back Activity Log — March 31 to July 28, 1996

Total number of calls:	321	(how many times the system dialed out)
Number of successful calls:	54	(how many times the system faxed documents requested)
Number of failed calls:	267	(system dialed but fax was not transmitted)
Total connect time:	525:40	

Document	Requests	Successes	Failures	Attempts
(Default Document)				
1 Cover page	6	0	36	36
9 Document List	44	27	107	134
11 About 5 Tigers	28	15	83	98
211 Siberian Tiger	41	21	129	150
212 South China Tiger	21	12	55	67
213 Indochinese Tiger	21	14	44	58
214 Bengal Tiger	41	19	138	157
215 Sumatran Tiger	19	12	44	56
221 Conservation Orgs.	26	20	47	67
222 Field Research	24	17	51	68
23 Bibliography-Conservation	25	17	57	74
36 Kids' Page	31	19	84	103
37 Tiger Books for Kids	16	12	35	47
44 Bibliography - Behavior	21	16	35	51
51 Zoo Tigers	15	11	25	36
60 Save the Tiger Fund	2	1	4	5