

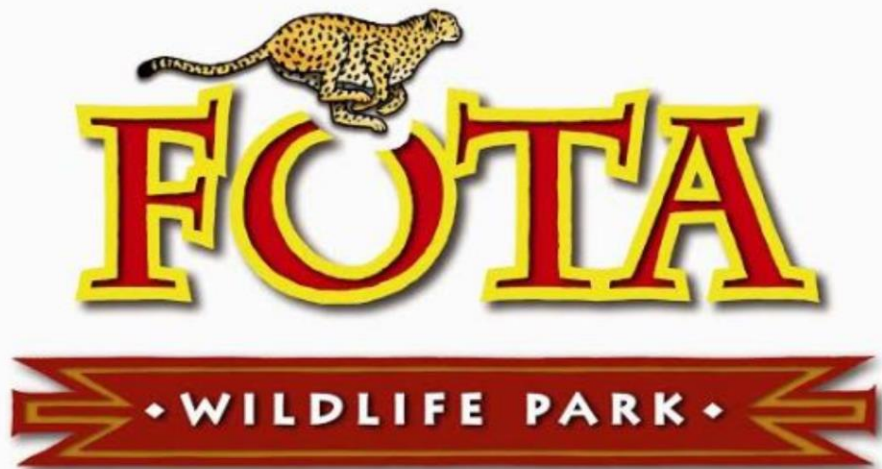


# Gibbons

at Fota Wildlife Park!



# Welcome to Fota Wildlife Park!



- Fota Wildlife Park was established in 1983.
- Our aim is to help conserve animals across the globe through Conservation, Education and research!
- The Wildlife Park is a charity and a not for profit organisation.
- By visiting Fota Wildlife Park, you are playing a part in helping to conserve the world's endangered wildlife!

# All about gibbons.

Gibbons are tailless primates that live in tropical rainforests in Asia.

Gibbons defend their territories with loud calls which can echo quite a distance.

They pair for life and sing duets daily to strengthen their bond.

## Did you Know?

- Gibbons are not able to swim!
- They spend most of their time up in the canopy layer of the forest, they even sleep up there!
- Their long hook-like hands help them to brachiate (swing) through the branches.





# Gibbon

R	A	I	S	A	T	H	A	B	I	T	A	T	A
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SING  
 FRUIT  
 LEAVES  
 SIAMANG  
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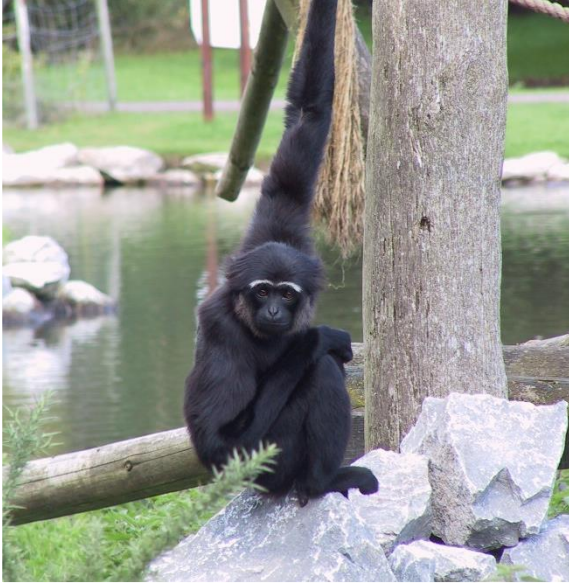
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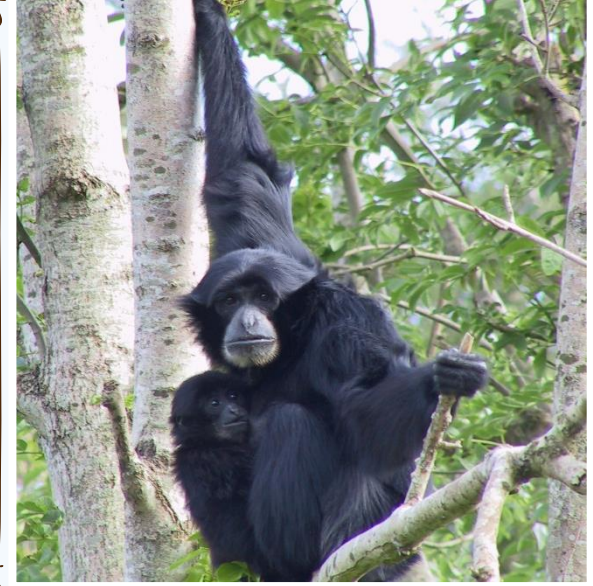
# Gibbon Profiles:



Agile Gibbon




Lar Gibbon




Siamang Gibbon


# Agile Gibbon.



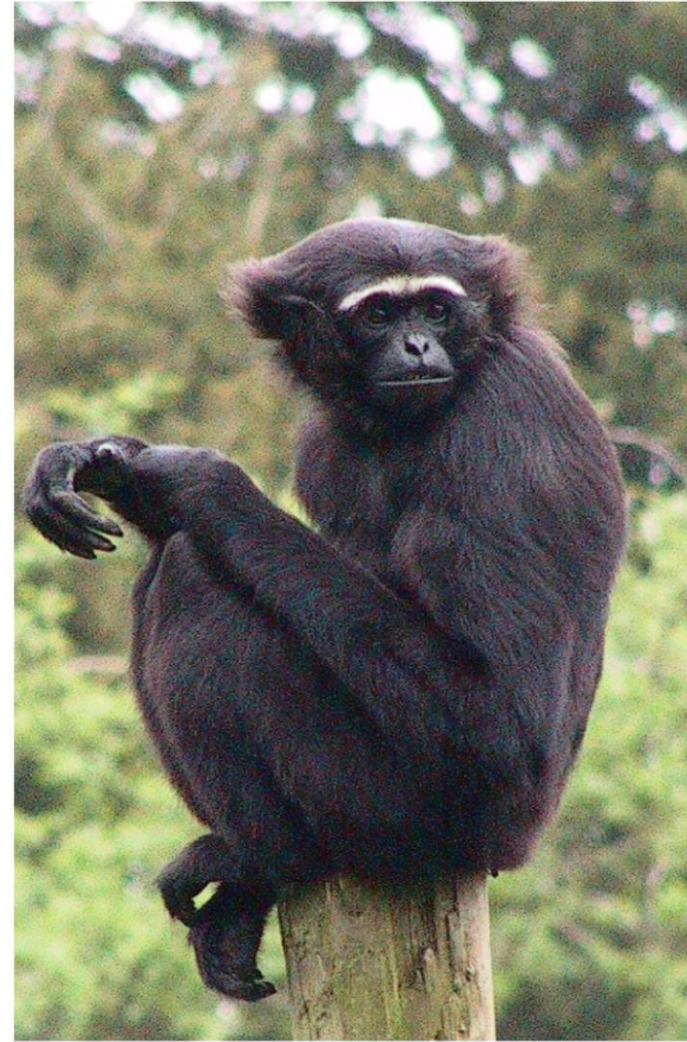
They mainly feed on fruit found high on the trees where they live. Like all gibbons, they swing through the branches acrobatically.




They weigh between 4 to 6 kg. They typically have a head and body length of 44 – 63.5 cm. Similar to all gibbons, it is tailless.



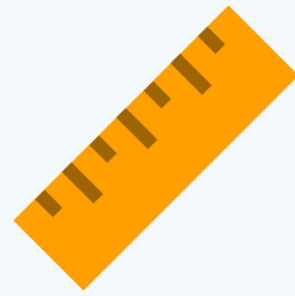
They vary in colour between black and reddish brown. They all have white eyebrows but only males have white cheeks.




# Lar Gibbon.



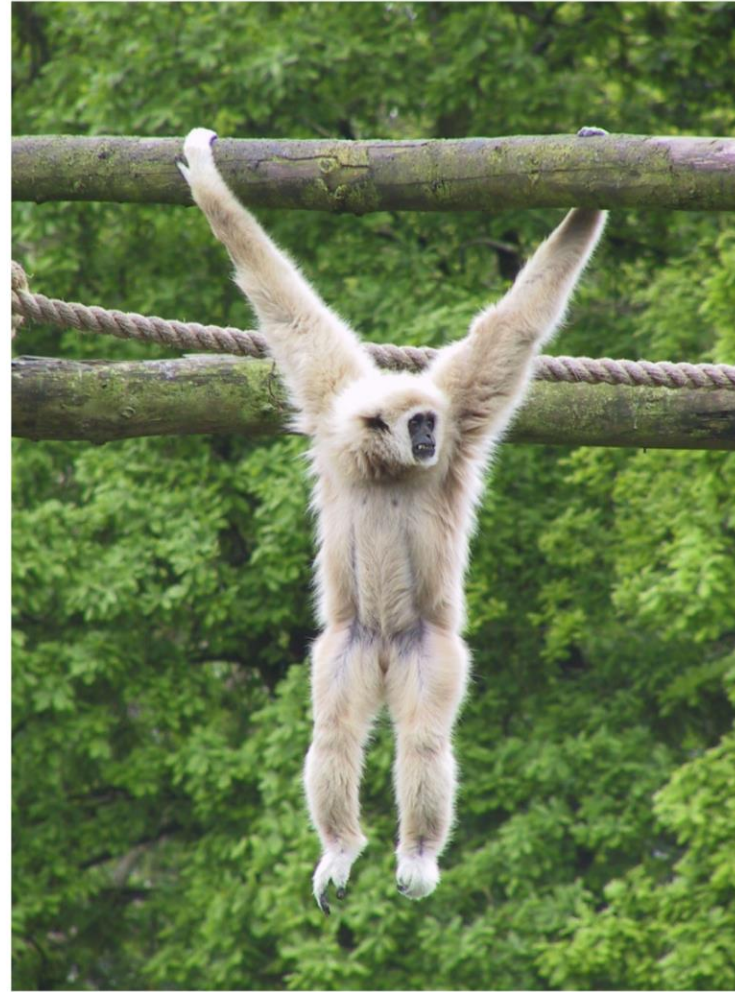
They swallow nearly all the seeds from the fruit that they ingest, making them very important seed dispersers.



Lar gibbons have lightweight bones which helps them move through branches, this is also applicable to all gibbons.



They are also known as White-handed gibbons. They can have cream, brown or black hair but will always have white hands and feet.



# Siamang Gibbon.



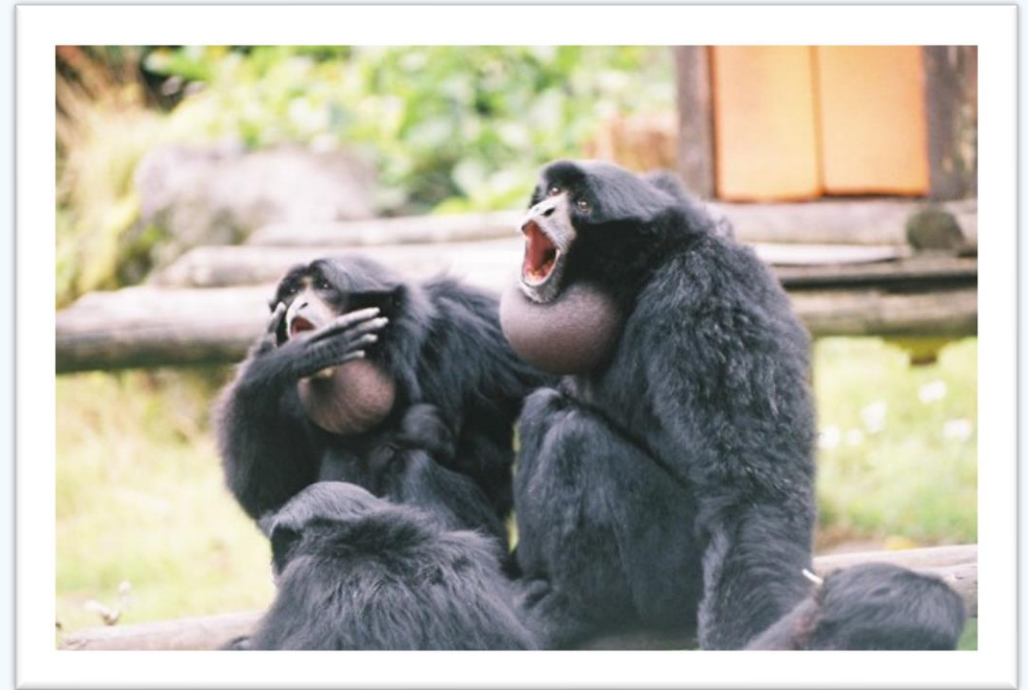
They are omnivores who mainly eat fruit, leaves, flowers, insects and occasionally birds eggs.



They are the largest gibbon species, weighing up to 12kg.



They have a throat sac which inflates when they call- this sound can be heard 2 km away!



A



B



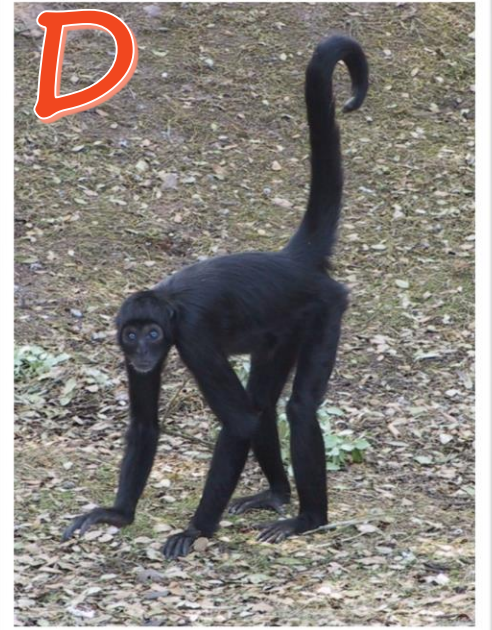
C



1. Guess the Gibbon!

2. Which one is Not a gibbon and why?

D



# Crack the code!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

*This is a form of movement through the branches.*

2	18	1	3	8	9	1	20	9	15	14

Unscramble the following  
words relating to gibbons.



tfresnioar

laarbero

alr

alammm

trfiu

isaa

# Answers:

Guess the gibbon.

A = Siamang gibbon

B = Lar/White handed gibbon

C = Agile gibbon

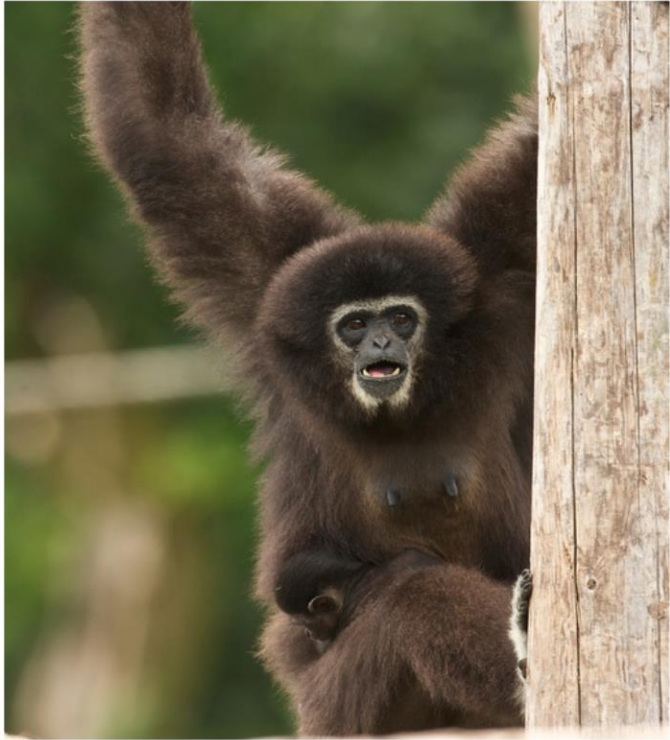
D = Not a gibbon! It's a Colombian black spider monkey. We can tell its not a gibbon because of its tail.

Crack the code:  
BRACHIATION

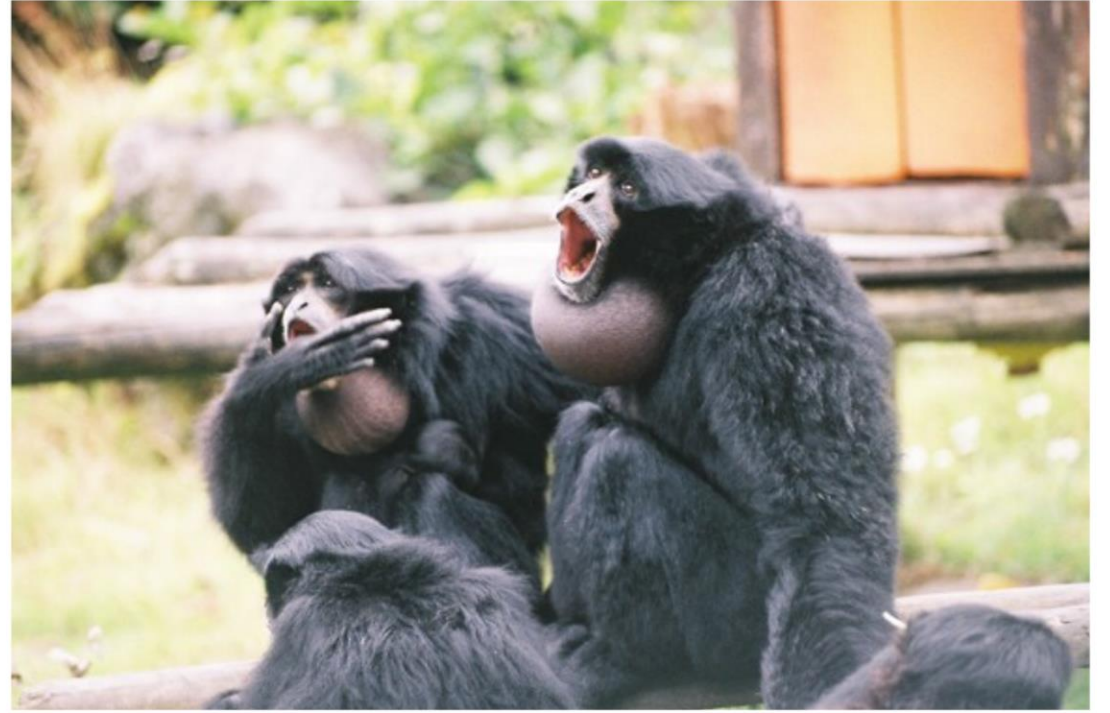
Unscramble:  
rainforest,  
mammal, arboreal,  
fruit, lar, asia



# Meet some of our gibbons!



Namphon means 'raindrop' in Thai.  
She is mum to Umpai, Amarin and Noi.



Kaya (left) & Clyde (right). Kaya  
and Clyde are mum and dad to  
Rocky, Bart and Homer.

# What have you learnt? Quiz Time

Where do gibbons live?

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe

Gibbons are.....

- Reptiles
- Primates
- Amphibians

How many species of gibbons live in Fota Wildlife Park

- 3
- 4
- 5

What is the name given to their movement through the branches?

- Animation
- Conservation
- Brachiation

How do gibbons communicate?

- E-mail
- Singing
- Dancing

How heavy can a Siamang gibbon be?

- 10kg
- 11kg
- 12kg

Gibbons are great swimmers.

- True
- False

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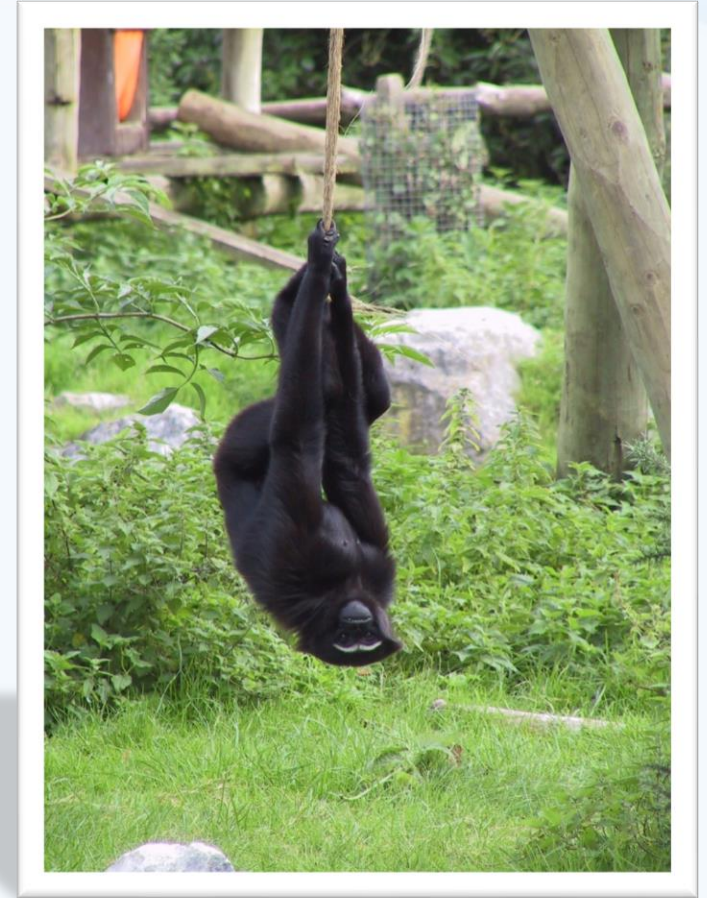
- False

# Conservation and threats.

Gibbons live in tropical rainforests in Southeast Asia. They are classified as Endangered by the I.U.C.N.

The biggest threat facing them is **habitat destruction**. The palm oil production industry is decimating millions of acres of diverse forest every year. Palm oil is found in lots of items we use on a daily basis e.g. confectionary, ready-made meals, cleaning products, cosmetics etc.

Another threat affecting gibbons is the **illegal wildlife trade**. Sadly, every year hundreds of infants are taken from their mothers in the wild and sold illegally in markets. The construction of roadways through protected areas increases access to poachers and also increases the fragmentation of gibbon habitats.



## How Can we protect them in the wild?

Fota Wildlife Park aims to educate people as to why we need to **protect gibbons**. As consumers, we need to make informed decisions on the products we use on a daily basis to help biodiversity globally. Also it is hoped that improved law enforcement efforts in local areas will help protect gibbons from illegal poachers.

# Learning at Fota Wildlife Park.....

If you would like to learn more about wildlife.....why not book an educational tour with our education department. Each year our skilled team of educators teach in excess of 19,000 students in the areas of conservation & ecology. We welcome students of all ages all year round!

We hope to see you soon!

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