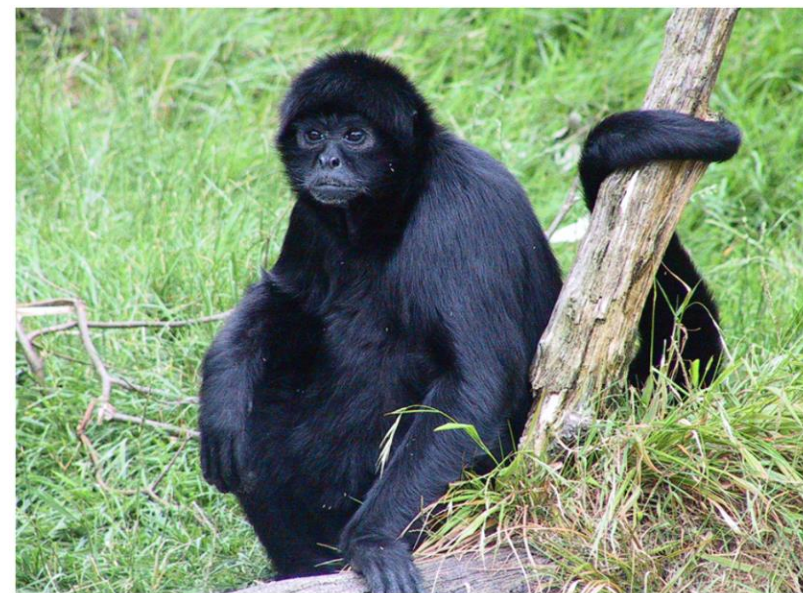


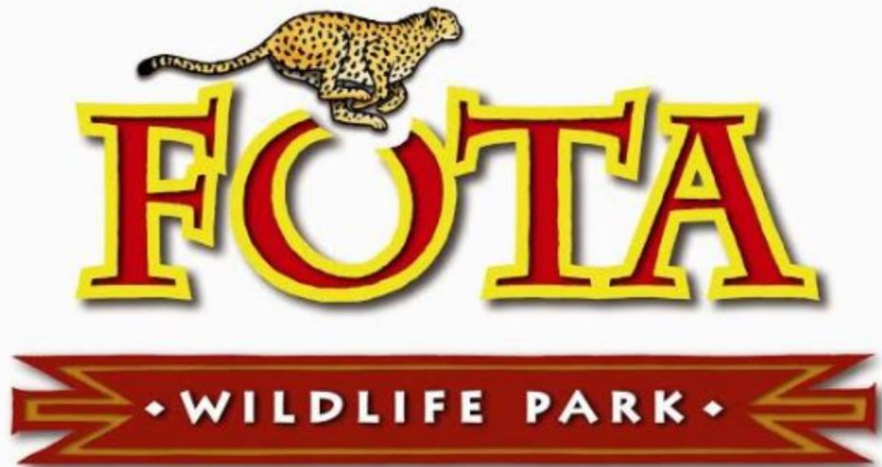


Columbian Black Spider monkey

At Fota Wildlife Park



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- 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!



What part of the world are they from?

They are native to the Pacific coast of Colombia and a small part of eastern Panama. As their name suggests these primates use their long limbs and tail to move through tropical rainforests in a 'spider like' manner.



Black spider monkey Information



They mainly eat fruit, although they also consume leaves for protein. They are very important seed dispersers in their ecosystem.



After a gestation period of 226-232 days the female gives birth to a single baby which is carried by the mother until it first leaves her at 10 weeks.



They can measure up to 54cm in length, with a tail up to 85cm. They can weigh up to 9kg. The females are slightly larger than the males.



Found in social groups of up to 30 individuals, the monkeys break up into smaller foraging groups of between three and four to feed, usually led by a female.



They are the largest of all New world monkeys. New World monkeys are found in Central and South America.



They don't have a thumb! They use their hands and tail to swing through the branches.



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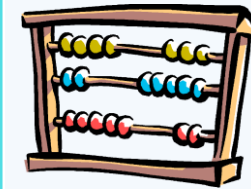
Monkeys can be divided into 2 groups, Old World monkeys (Africa & Asia) and New World monkeys (South & Central America)

The Pygmy Marmoset is the smallest type of monkey.



Mandrills are the largest type of monkey.

There are more than 260 monkey species discovered to date.



Apes are not monkeys. Apes are bigger, lack tails and generally have larger brains.

A group of monkeys can be referred to as a troop, barrel, a carload, a cartload, or a tribe.



FACTS



How are they adapted for survival?

They have hook-like hands and long arms which allows them to swing through the tree branches.



They are very vocal and can produce a wide range of vocalizations.



A long prehensile tail which they use to swing through branches and can even be used to pick fruit! Their tail is like a fifth limb.



Their tail has a hairless patch at the tip that helps with grip as it wraps around branches.



Spider monkey wordsearch

N J C G V Z T B N L T I C N Q F X A S P R U X S R
V O R O X W I H Y N A I M B F K J Q E R S B U J N
U I I O L S E V A E L M N E C T W S F I T C L X D
P D M T K U B N N F I R M E F R X L C M W U T G M
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prehensile
columbia
rainforest
fruit
leaves
swing
tail
primate
mammal

climb,
group,
social,
vocal,
dispersal,
hunted,
habitat,
destruction



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Spider monkey muddle.

Unscramble each of the spider monkey related words.
Copy the letters in the numbered box to the table below to discover a major threat affecting Columbian Black spider monkeys.

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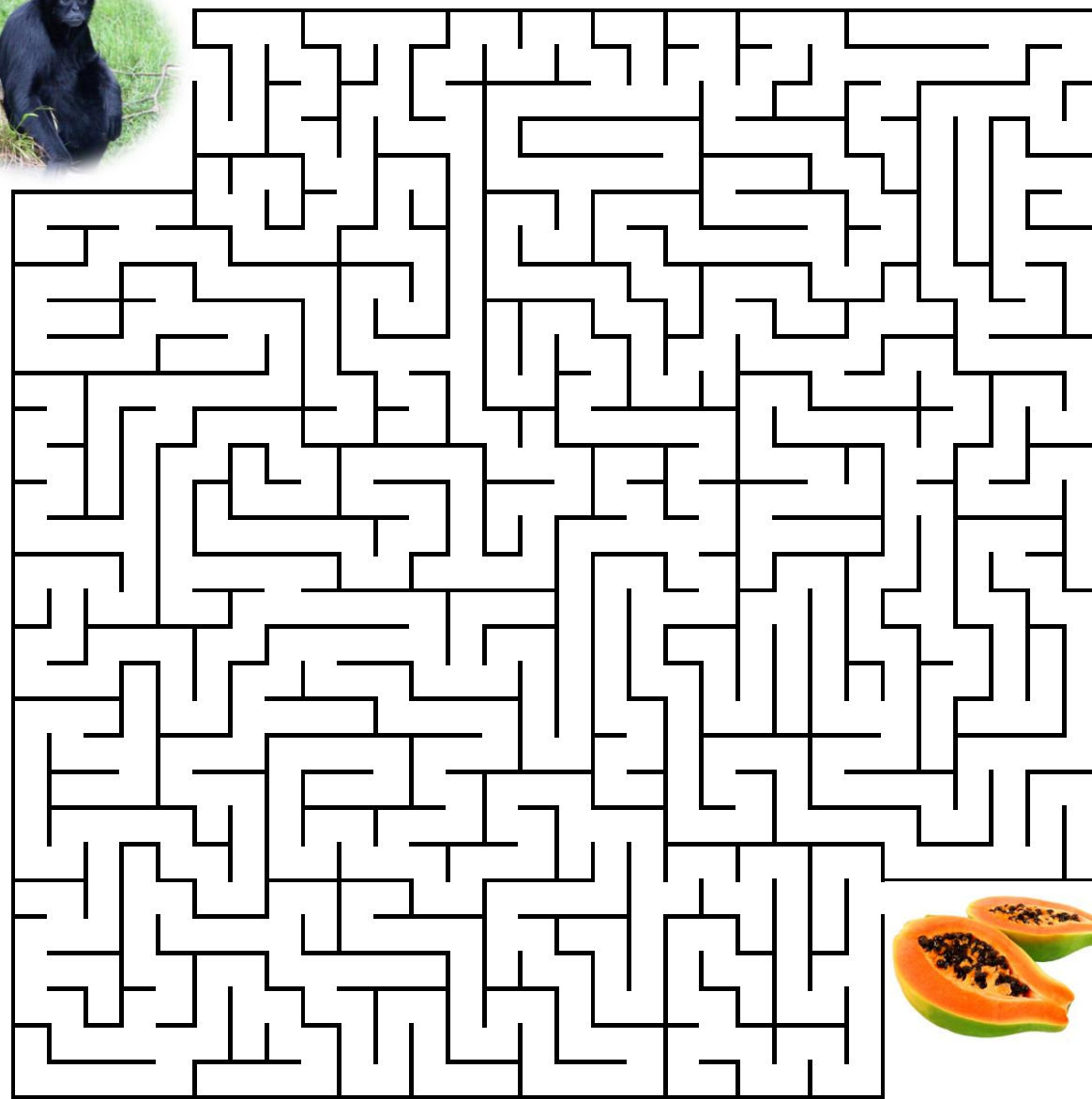


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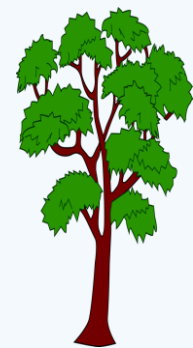




Help the
Colombian
spider
monkey find
the fruit!



Did you know?
Spider monkeys
can leap up to 9
metres from one
tree to another!





Meet some of our spider monkeys.



Batty with her infant.



Norma with her infant.

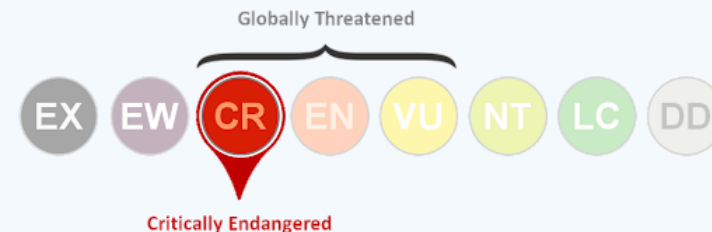


Threats and Conservation.

They are critically endangered which means they are facing an extremely high chance of becoming extinct in the near future.

They are hunted for meat in their home range. They live in large, noisy groups and as a result are easy for hunters to locate. They are also taken for the illegal pet trade.

Another human activity affecting their population is habitat destruction, particularly logging which removes tall trees that they greatly rely on for survival





What have you learnt? Quiz Time

What type of monkeys are they?

- Old World monkeys
- New World monkeys

Colombian black spider monkeys don't have a thumb. True/False

What is special about their tail?

- It has no hair on it.
- They don't have one.
- It is prehensile.

What is their IUCN status?

- Vulnerable
- Least concern
- Critically Endangered

What is the smallest monkey species?

- Howler
- Pygmy Marmoset
- Squirrel

A group of monkeys is known as a?

- Herd
- Pack
- Troop

What does brachiation mean?

- Eating plants and animals
- Swinging through branches
- Lives in trees.



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