

COMMON MARMOSET

Description

Common Marmosets have a mixed coat of brown, grey and yellow with white ear tufts and a long, ringed tail. Like other marmosets, the Common Marmoset has claw-like nails which help them to climb.

Diet

Common Marmosets are **omnivores** and use their claws to gouge holes in trees and then eat the sap that is released. They have specialised teeth to create these holes in the tree trunks. They also eat insects, flowers, lizards, small birds, tree frogs and fungi.

In the wild

There are 10–12 marmosets in a troop and only one pair breeds. Among marmosets, it is the female who chooses her mate. Marmosets lick and cuddle their chosen mate. Males and older siblings carry the very young. Four out of five births are twins.

Threats

Marmosets fall prey to predators like wild cats, snakes, owls and raptors (birds of prey).

At Perth Zoo

The Common Marmoset exhibit is located in the **Lesser Primate** area.



Scientific Name

Callithrix jacchus

Conservation Status

Extinct

Extinct in the Wild

Critically Endangered

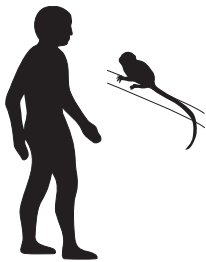
Endangered

Vulnerable

Near-Threatened

Least Concern

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Body Length: 180–190 cm

Weight: 235–260 kg

Gestation: 148 days

Number of young: 2



Distribution ■

Distribution: The Amazon, South America

Habitat: Rainforest

Did you know?

Common Marmosets have specialised alarm calls that warn other members of the group. When under attack, the whole group may mob the predator, making loud noises and attacking until it retreats.



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