



Bolivian Squirrel Monkey

Fast Facts



Scientific Name: *Saimiri boliviensis*

Conservation Status: Least Concern

Extinct Threatened Least Concern



Body Length: 27–32 cm

Weight: 950 grams

Gestation: 150–170 days

Number of young: 1

Habitat: Rainforest

Distribution: The Amazon, South America



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Description

The Bolivian Squirrel Monkey has a small, white face with a black nose and muzzle. Its coat varies in colour from brown and grey to golden. It also has a slim tail that is much longer than its body.

Diet

Bolivian Squirrel Monkeys are omnivores and eat insects, fruit and seeds.

In the wild

Bolivian Squirrel Monkeys usually live in groups of 40–50 but these groups may reach 200 or more. Breeding females tend to look after the offspring of another female. An infant may spend 30% of its time in the care of a mother other than its own. This monkey is diurnal (active during the day) and arboreal (lives in trees).

Threats

Bolivian Squirrel Monkeys are at most risk from the loss of their natural rainforest habitat in South America. Threats to this species include logging for the timber industry, land clearing for agriculture and the illegal pet trade.

At Perth Zoo

Bolivian Squirrel Monkeys can be seen in the Amazonia exhibit.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bolivian Squirrel Monkey is more vocal, social and active than the Common Squirrel Monkey. When they move through the forest, they twitter and cluck to bring insects and animals out for their food. They will spend half their day foraging for insects and around 10% of their day feeding on plants.