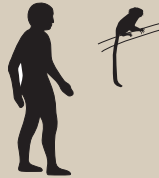




# Emperor Tamarin

## Fast Facts



**Scientific Name:** *Saguinus imperator*

**Conservation Status:** Least Concern

Extinct      Threatened      Least Concern



**Body Length:** 23–26 cm

**Weight:** 220–900 grams

**Gestation:** 140–145 days

**Number of young:** 2

**Habitat:** Lowland forest

**Distribution:** The Amazon, South America



Distribution 

## Description

Emperor Tamarins have a speckled brown body and orange tail that is 39–42 cm long. Both females and males have a distinctive white, curly moustache. Tamarins have claw-like nails called tegulae which help them to climb.

## Diet

Tamarins are omnivores. During the wet season they feed on fruit and during the dry season, feed on flowers, nectar and tree sap. They eat insects all year round.

## In the wild

Emperor Tamarins are completely arboreal (live in the trees) and form mixed troops, often travelling with other related tamarin species. They almost always have two offspring and the father carries them when they are not feeding from the mother.

## Threats

Tamarins are threatened by habitat destruction caused by logging.

## At Perth Zoo

Perth Zoo's Emperor Tamarins can be seen in the Primates area.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Emperor Tamarin gets its name from Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany (1888-1918) who had a long, walrus moustache.