

Guianan Squirrel Monkey, Common Squirrel Monkey

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Scientific name

Saimiri sciureus

Classification

Primates Cebidae

Distribution

Widely distributed in the moist forests of Central and South America.

Feeding Habits

It is omnivorous and eats fruits, nuts, insects, small birds, etc.

Characteristics

The hair is short, the back and limbs are yellow to tan, and the nose, mouth, and tail are black. The tail longer than the body helps to balance, but cannot grab objects. The body length is 25-27 cm in a male, 23-30 cm in a female. The tail length is around 41 cm in both of a male and a female. The body weight is 600-1,100g in a male, 500-700g in a female.

Behavior and ecology

Its movement is very agile, living in a troop of a dozen to hundreds, and during the day they continuously move around the jungle to seek their food. The members of the troop communicate with each other by chattering.

