

Geoffroy's Spider Monkey, Black-handed Spider Monkey

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Scientific name Ateles geoffroy

Classification Primates, Atelidae

Distribution Panama from Mexico in Central and South America.

Feeding Habits It eats leaves, fruits and insects.

Characteristics It has long limbs, and the tail called “the fifth limb” , which can grab an object, wrap a branch, and roll itself up. In addition, the inside of the tip of its long tail is hairless, and has skin grooves similar to fingerprints. The grooves play a role of anti-slip and helpful to grip a branch of a tree.

Behavior and ecology It is diurnal and forms a troop consist of multiple males and females. The members of a troop about 20, but usually they behave in 2 to 8 separately. Dexterously moving from a branch to a branch, hanging with their hands and tail. Occasionally they move on four limbs. They breed once every two to three years and there is not obvious seasonality.

