

Brown Spider Monkey, Variegated Spider Monkey

Brown Kenaga-Kumozaru

Scientific name

Ateles hybridus hybridus

Classification

Primates, Atelidae

Distribution

Tropical rainforests in Venezuela, Colombia, South America

Feeding Habits

It eats usually fruits (70 to 80% of its food) and eats also flowers, leaves, seeds, barks, honey, and insects.

Characteristics

It is arboreal and adapted for the life in forests. 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. A spider monkey can skillfully use its tail, so the tail is sometimes called "fifth limb". The name of "Spider Monkey" comes from the fact that it looks like a spider when this monkey hanging by its tail from a branch of a tree. The hand has no thumb and has four fingers. There is a characteristic triangular white pattern on the forehead.

Behavior and ecology

The gestation period is 226 to 232 days. Because the baby monkey is dependent on the parent for a long time, the female gives birth only once every two to two and a half years. It makes many kinds of voices to communicate with others, and also produce secretions from their breasts and smell them each other for communication.

