

Goeldi's Monkey

Scientific Name: *Callimico goeldii*

Class: Mammalia

Order: Primates

Family: Callithricidae



Squirrel-like and marmoset-sized, the rare Goeldis monkey seems to occupy an anatomically intermediate place between the Callitrichidae and the Cebidae. The Goeldis monkey is about 10 to 13 inches and weighs about 1 pound. Their long silky coat is black or blackish-brown with a bobbed mane around the head.

Range

Their range is the Upper Amazon region of Brazil, Peru, Colombia, and Ecuador.

Habitat

They inhabit scrubby undergrowth of tropical rain forest and forest patches in savannas.

Gestation

150-160
days

Litter

1

Behavior

Goeldi's monkeys spend most of their active time close to the ground but climb to heights of 30-40 feet for shelter and safety at night. Their main predators are raptors, ocelots and other small cats. The social structure is that of a family with 6-7 members present most of the time. In face of danger, Goeldi's monkeys will hide their young in low vegetation before running from danger themselves.

Reproduction

Young reach sexual maturity as early as 14 months of age and have been observed in captivity to live at long as 18 years. The father generally takes quite an interest in raising and feeding the young and carries the baby on its back.

Wild Diet

Fruit, insects, spiders, occasionally lizards and frogs.