

# Allen's Swamp Monkey

**Scientific Name:** *Allenopithecus nigroviridis*

**Class:** Mammalia

**Order:** Primates

**Family:** Cercopithecidae



The Allen's swamp monkey's head and body length range from 17.7 to 18 inches, and its tail length is about 19.5 inches. Its weight ranges from 7.7 to 13 pounds, with males being heavier than females. The hair is slightly longer on the nape and shoulders than on the back, and scant on the underparts, hands and feet. The skin of the face is dark grayish brown to black, but lighter around the eyes. The hairs on the sides of the face extend outward to form a ruff from the ears to the mouth. The hair is flattened on the crown. General coloration above is grayish to almost black, sometimes with a yellowish tinge, and the underparts are light gray or whitish, sometimes speckled with black and yellow. The tail is dark above and lighter below. The body is rather heavy in appearance and anatomically bears some resemblance to the baboons.

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## Range

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## Habitat

Swamp forests

## Gestation

5 to 6 months

## Litter

Usually one; rarely twins

## Behavior

Allen's swamp monkeys forage on the ground like baboons, frequent swampy areas, and probably go into water freely. They have been observed in swamp forests, with regular sleeping sites on riverbanks. They are friendly in demeanor.

## Reproduction

Like other cercopithecids, Allen's swamp monkeys generally give birth to one offspring at a time. The young are typically weaned at 2.5 months.

## Wild Diet

Fruit, seeds, insects, fish, shrimp, snails