

Species Fact Sheet



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Black-handed Spider Monkey

Ateles geoffroyi



Peoria Zoo Exhibit Historic Entry Building

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Habitat: Rainforests, semi-deciduous forests and mangrove forests.

Range: Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Belize

Activity Cycle: Diurnal– active during the day

Size: Length measure between 12-15 inches and weighs between 13-20 pounds. The prehensile tail is longer than the body between 25-33 inches.

Social Structure: They are gregarious and live in medium sized, loosely associated groups with an average size of 20 or so members. They break into smaller groups of usually fewer than 4 animals to search for food,

Distinguishing Features: The body color varies by population between buff and black. Usually the forearms, hands, lower legs and feet are dark or black. The face usually has a pale mask around the eyes and muzzle. Long prehensile tail acts like another hand.

Diet: Fruit, flowers, bark, insects, and honey

Life Span: In the wild about 27 years

Did you know?

The prehensile tail is very strong and has a palm-like pad at the end for grabbing trees.