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Colobus Monkey

Colobus guereza



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Habitat: Forests, preferably along riverbanks

Range: Across equatorial Africa, from Mt. Kilimanjaro to Nigeria

Activity Cycle: Diurnal— active during the day

Size: Weight: 12 - 32 lbs., Height: 18 - 27", Tail Length: 20 - 35"

Social Structure: Live in groups of 4-11 members which separate themselves by claiming territory. Babies born in the group are cared for by all group members.

Distinguishing Features: Have long, black coats with a white stripe that runs down the sides of their back to their tail. This fur works like a parachute when they leap down from tree branches. Young colobus monkeys are born completely white and change color as they get older. Hands do not have thumbs, but fingers form hooks to make living and moving in the trees easier.

Diet: Leaves, buds, seeds, shoots, and occasionally fruit

Life Span: 25-30 years

Did you know?

Colobus monkeys, the most arboreal of all African monkeys, rarely ever leave the trees and come down to the ground.